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Hunter Biden to plead guilty in deal

Agreement covers misdemeanor tax charges, gun case

By Lindsay Whitehurst
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's son Hunter will plead guilty to federal tax offenses but avoid a full prosecution on a separate gun charge in a deal with the Justice Department that likely spares him time behind bars.

Hunter Biden, 53, will plead guilty to the misdemeanor tax offenses as part of an agreement made public Tuesday. The agreement will also avoid prosecution on a felony charge of illegally possessing a firearm as a drug user, as long as he adheres to conditions agreed to in court. It's somewhat unusual to resolve a federal criminal case at the same time charges are filed in court but not unheard of.

The deal ends a long-running Justice Department investigation into Biden's second son, who has acknowledged struggling with addiction following the 2015 death of his brother Beau Biden. It also averts a trial that would have generated days or weeks of distracting headlines for a White House that has strenuously sought to keep its distance from the Justice Department.

While it requires the younger Biden to admit guilt, the deal is narrowly focused on tax and weapons violations rather than anything broader or tied to the Democratic president. Nonetheless, former President Donald Trump and other Republicans continued to try to use the case to shine an unflattering spotlight on the president and to raise questions about the independence of the Biden Justice Department.

Trump, challenging President Biden in the 2024 presidential race,

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Hunter Biden reached a plea deal Monday in a federal inquiry that began in 2020. **HAIYUN JIANG/ THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

AMBROSIA ROOM

'SHE WILL REMEMBER THIS FOREVER'

A mother's dream of a quinceañera for daughter comes true thanks to co-workers

By Laura Rodríguez Presa | Chicago Tribune

Above: Mayte Vera Lopez dances with her friend, Fernanda Sabogal, 14, during Lopez's quinceañera in Chicago on June 17. Mayte's mother, Rebeca Lopez, couldn't afford the cost of the celebration, so her co-workers at the Pilsen restaurant 5 Rabanitos came together to help pay for the cost of the dress. Food was donated for the party, and the restaurant owners donated event space. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Even on the most difficult days, when Rebeca Lopez feels like she can't keep going anymore, the smiles of her three children cheer her up. "They give me strength," she said.

On Saturday night, every moment of pain and resilience that she has lived with as a single mother was encapsulated when she danced a waltz with her daughter Mayte Vera during her *quinceañera* celebration.

The coming-of-age party was something that both mother and daughter did not think would happen because the family couldn't afford it — at least not one with the big, beautiful and embellished dress, an elaborate cake and the waltz in a hall filled with friends and family.

But thanks to Lopez's co-workers at 5 Rabanitos, a Mexican restaurant in the Pilsen neighborhood where she's been a server for less than two years, the mother and daughter were able to host the celebration because of their fundraising efforts. And with tears in their eyes, the mother and daughter danced that waltz holding each other tight as the crowd applauded.

"I was happy, so grateful, for my children, for my co-workers and for life despite all the hard times," Lopez said.

When she first told a co-worker, Alfredo Dominguez, three weeks ago that she couldn't afford a grandiose *quinceañera* celebration for her youngest daughter and instead invited him to a *carne asada*, he immediately offered to help to plan a party, she said. Not only that, he galvanized the rest of their co-workers, servers, cooks and dishwashers, to come together to help Lopez organize and pay for the party.

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Slots, table games and some stained glass

Bally's Chicago turning Medinah Temple into gambling destination

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

Days after getting preliminary approval from the state, Bally's Chicago has moved hundreds of slot machines and table games into place at the landmark Medinah Temple, which is set to be reborn this summer as a temporary Chicago gambling mecca.

The River North building, a Moorish-style amphitheater perhaps best known for hosting the annual Shrine Circus, is quickly being transformed into Chicago's first casino while preserving elements of its colorful 111-year history.

"It's probably the best-looking temporary casino you'll ever see," said Chris Jewett, director of corporate development for Bally's, during a tour Tuesday. "It's a wow factor just walking in. It's unique."

Granted preliminary approval last week by the Illinois Gaming Board — a precursor to final licensing — Bally's Chicago began installing more than 750 slot machines and 50 gaming tables. It expects to have all the equipment in place and the roughly 1,000 gaming positions laid out by the end of the week.

Rhode Island-based Bally's won a heated competition last year to build a $1.74 billion casino at the 30-acre site of the Chicago

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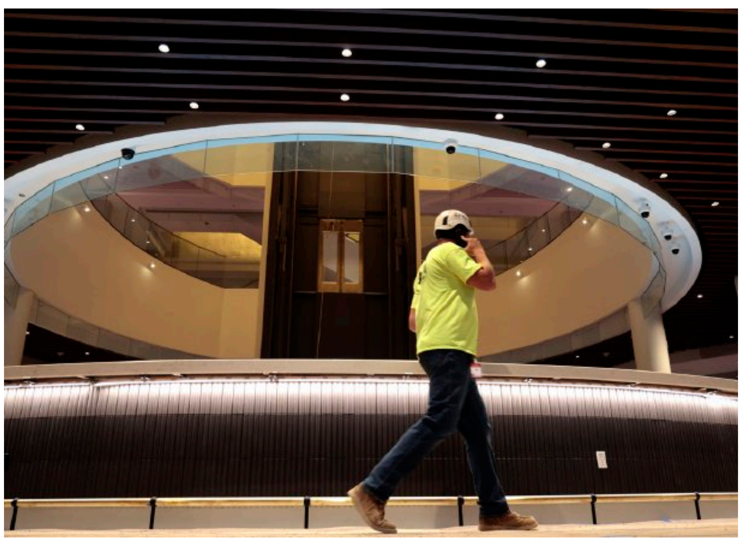
A large eye-catching bar and accompanying lighting, shown Tuesday, will be seen by guests entering the temporary Bally's casino inside Medinah Temple in Chicago. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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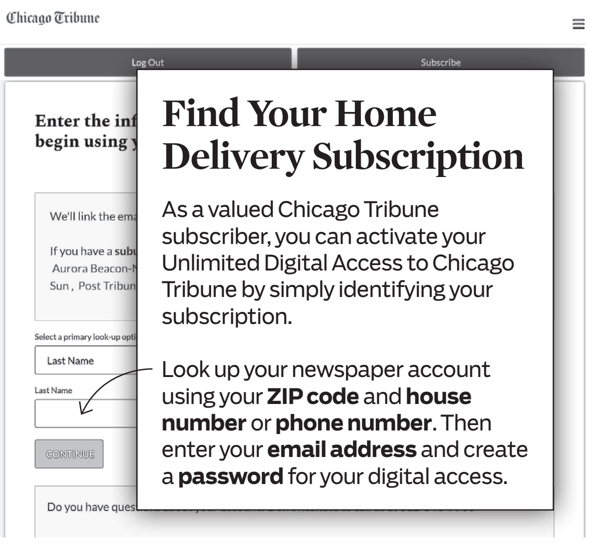

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A visitor walks among paintings, including Georgia O'Keeffe's "Rust Red Hills," on February 10 at the Brauer Museum of Art at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Campus and community members continue to react to announcement of the pending sale of O'Keeffe's and two other works to fund first-year student dorm renovations. **ANDY LAVALLEY FOR THE POST-TRIBUNE**

Indiana AG files for dismissal of artwork lawsuit against Valpo U

By Amy Lavalley
Post-Tribune

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is backing up Valparaiso University's contention that a lawsuit to stop the sale of three of the Brauer Museum's most valuable pieces of artwork to fund dorm renovations for first-year students should be dismissed because the plaintiffs who filed the suit don't have standing to do so.

In a Tuesday filing, Rokita reiterates the university's claim that Richard Brauer, the museum's founding director and for whom the museum is named, and Philipp Brockington, a retired law professor from the university and one of the museum's benefactors, cannot file the suit because they are not directly connected to the charitable trust, the Percy Sloan Fund, that provided the museum the artwork with the stipulation that proceeds from any sale of the works be reinvested in the museum and its collection.

Further, Rokita said in the filing that the attorney general's office "is the proper party to maintain litigation involving questions of public charitable trust. And an individual member of the public has no right as such to maintain a suit of such character."

Patrick McEuen, attorney for Brauer and Brockington, disagrees.

"This is such an egregious case. There really is no question that the university is ignoring its obligation to maintain and preserve the Sloan artwork donation. It's as plain as the nose on my face, and I wonder whether Todd Rokita's office really intends to oversee this charitable trust," McEuen said. "I have a ton of respect for our attorney general but I wonder whether his minions have already decided and the fix is in."

The university filed a motion to dismiss the case over a lack of standing on May 25. In a response filed June 19, McEuen cites case law about a "special interest" exception to grant standing to enforce a public interest charitable trust, which he said applies to both Brockington and Brauer.

"By destroying the reputation of the recipient of Sloan's donation, the Brauer Museum of Art, the sale will also ignore the donative intent of Brockington's public trust," the filing notes.

Brauer's "special interest," meanwhile, is even more compelling, according to the filing.

"Brauer's dedication to advancing the interests of the museum created by Percy Sloan's donation(s) resulted in the museum bearing his name," the document states. "As the 'art world' denigrates President (Jose) Padilla for its plan, it harms the reputation of the institution to which Brauer has lent his name."

The controversy, as first reported in the Post-Tribune, erupted in February with an announcement by Padilla that the university's board had approved the sale of three cornerstone pieces from the museum, "Rust Red Hills" by Georgia O'Keeffe, Frederic E. Church's "Mountain Landscape" and "The Silver Vale and the Golden Gate" by Childe Hassam, to raise funds to renovate the dorms for first-year students.

Collectively, the pieces are worth millions of dollars and the O'Keeffe painting in particular has been lent to museums across the globe for display.

Students, faculty, alumni and art museum associations have all decried the sale as a violation of the trust agreement that provided the paintings, established museum protocol and the will of museum's benefactors.

University officials have held firm, noting that renovating the dorms is necessary to attract students at a critical juncture for the university's enrollment.

Brauer and Brockington filed the suit, along with a request for a temporary restraining order to halt the sale of the paintings, in late April. They dropped the restraining order request during a hearing in which they learned the sale of the paintings was not imminent.

The complaint alleges that Brauer and Brockington both have standing to challenge the sale of the artwork because of Brauer's longtime association with the museum and personal stake in it, and because of an endowment for the museum established by Brockington to "acquire, restore, and preserve" works of art and artifacts for the museum.

The proposal to sell the artwork for renovating dorms, the documents note, is "as if the Percy H. Sloan donation is a mere ATM to be used irrespective of donor intent."

The case was first assigned to Porter Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Clymer, but he recused himself because he taught on a part-time basis for 20 years at the university's now-closed law school. The case has since been assigned to Porter Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Thode.

Thode gave the university until June 26 to respond to McEuen's filing on behalf of Brauer and Brockington.

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Officials say migrants could move into new respite center

By Shanzeh Ahmad
Chicago Tribune

After announcing last week plans to open a new respite center for the city's arriving migrants at the Gage Park field house, Ald. Raymond López, 15th, met with community members Tuesday evening to share details of his proposal and next steps.

About 75 people gathered at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Chapel in Gage Park around 6 p.m. to hear Lopez's plans and voice their support or concerns about turning the Chicago Park District's field house in Gage Park into a temporary, safe place for migrants.

Lopez was joined by representatives from the Park District, the city's Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Family and Support Services and more. Ald. Jeylu Gutierrez, 14th, was also in the audience. Her ward covers the majority of Gage Park including where the field house is.

Respite centers are different from traditional shelters because they are transition locations for new arrivals who are awaiting placement in one of the city's 11 active shelters for migrants.

The Gage Park respite center could see migrants moving in as early as Friday, city representatives said Tuesday, the same day four more buses from Texas arrived with over 160 people. They join more than 11,000 who have been bused to Chicago since August.

The new respite center could hold up to 250 people and would have the same resources, services and security as other city shelters. The center would be only for single adults, not families with children, and primarily be filled by the more than 150 people sleeping on police station floors across the city.

The Gage Park field house was identified by the city as a space that meets health, safety and capacity requirements needed to relieve some of the migrant crisis in Chicago.

Responses to the Gage Park respite center Tuesday were mixed. Most people expressed issues with using the field house to shelter migrants because of security worries in the neighborhood or prior expected uses of the field house this summer, but some people said migrant housing should be a priority for everyone.

Linda Coronado, 75, said she was born and raised in the area by the field house and said she attended the meeting Tuesday to hear what her fellow community members have to say. She said people in her community opposed to helping migrants and being "so unwelcoming is unnerving."

"We are a loving people," she said. "Most of us, especially in this area, are immigrants, whether it be Irish immigrants, Polish immigrants, Latino immigrants. We're all immigrants essentially, and so I think what we need to realize is that the migrants have something to contribute. The children going to our schools, the adults working, I'd like to see them being acquainted with our city."

The Warehouse club moves closer to landmark status

By Deanese Williams-Harris
Chicago Tribune

Preservationist were hopeful Tuesday that a former dance hall in the West Loop — once called The Warehouse, a legendary nightclub considered a birthplace of house music — would gain landmark status after the city's zoning committee voted to move its nomination to City Council for a vote.

"We're very optimistic that tomorrow's vote will result in an enthusiastic approval for landmark designation of this immensely important place of music history," said Max Chavez, director of research and special projects at Preservation Chicago.

The building formerly known as The Warehouse at 206 S. Jefferson St. on March 31 in Chicago.
SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In April, the three-story building at 206 S. Jefferson St. received a preliminary landmark recommendation from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks after thousands signed a petition asking the city to preserve the building, which is also known as an icon of Chicago's LGBTQ+ and Black history.

From 1977 to 1982, The Warehouse was the dance club where house was born, led by pioneering DJ Frankie Knuckles.

Preservationists said the three-story industrial building had no historical protections, which put it at risk of being demolished. A petition was started to urge city officials to take action. Under landmark rules, owners would have to get permission to make any changes to the building.

Naperville church prepares for Liu funeral

21-year-old died after being thrown down ravine in Germany

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

People stand on the Marienbrücke bridge to view the Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany. Naperville resident Eva Liu and her friend KelseyChang were attacked near the bridge last week, and Liu later died after being thrown into a deep ravine. **AP**

Funeral services are being planned in Naperville for 21-year-old Eva Liu, who was remembered with a moment of silence at Tuesday's Naperville City Council meeting nearly a week after she was attacked and thrown down a 165-foot ravine in Germany.

Liu and her longtime friend, Kelsey Chang, 22, of Bloomington, were on vacation when they were lured off a path near the Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria by an as-yet-unnamed 30-year-old man from Michigan now being held on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and attempted sexual assault, authorities said.

Chang was also tossed into the ravine in the June 14 attack but survived after falling on a tree, reports said. She was released from the hospital Sunday and was flying home Tuesday, according to her father, Weihan Chang, of Normal.

He hasn't been able to talk with his daughter very much since the attack occurred, he said, but it was devastating for her.

"She's pretty damaged by the incident," Chang said. "It's life-changing."

Mark Zhang, pastor of Living Water Evangelical Church in Naperville, where Liu's parents are members, said her father is in Germany arranging for his daughter's body to be returned home as the church prepares for the funeral and burial. No dates for the services have been scheduled.

Zhang said congregants are "so saddened and shocked" by what occurred to Liu, a May graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He hosted a small gathering last week for those who wanted to sing, pray and share in the mourning.

"As Christians, when one member suffers, we stand with the family and pray. We pray for God's comfort in this unbearable pain and loss," Zhang said. "The most important thing they need right now is prayer."

The church also is organizing the delivery of meals.

Zhang said the Liu family emigrated from Canada, and both Eva Liu and her twin sister were "very sweet" and participated in the church's youth group when they were younger.

In recent years the sisters were at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora and then college, so they weren't attending the church, he said.

Liu and Chang were both graduates of the academy and U of I, where they completed bachelor's degrees in computer science and were board members for the student chapter of Women in CyberSecurity.

The pair were visiting Neuschwanstein Castle, an attraction upon which Cinderella's castle at Disneyland and Disney World are said to have been based. It's a location that draws more than a million visitors annually. News reports said the two women were staying at the same hotel as the suspect but did not know him.

Liu was attacked first, and Chang thrown from the cliff when she tried to stop him, according to German police. The suspect also tried to sexually assault Liu before throwing her over the same sleep slope, reports said.

Naperville resident Nancy Chen said she and other Chinese Americans in the community planned to attend the Naperville City Council meeting for the planned moment of silence in Liu's memory.

Mayor Scott Wehrli reached out to her over the weekend to see if she knew Liu or had suggestions for how to honor her, she said. While Chen doesn't know the family, the gesture was a "really nice" way to acknowledge the young woman, she said.

"We don't want to be intrusive at this time," said Chen, who's the founder and president of Chinese American Women in Action, known as CAWA.

"We want to respect (the family's) privacy."

Bringing people together in a time of loss is important, she said. News of the tragedy is something that's felt beyond the Chinese American community.

"We can all relate to that. She could be anybody's daughter, sister or granddaughter," Chen said. "As a woman and as a mother, I felt deeply about this."

Tami Armstrong, the math and science academy's chief public affairs and development officer, said in a statement Liu was a dedicated, academically talented and involved student. Liu served as a student leader in her residence hall and coordinated programming for her peers, fostering a safe and supportive environment, Armstrong said.

As a member of the Student Planning Committee for the 2018 International Student Science Fair held on the IMSA campus, Liu helped with programming for 250 students from 32 different countries.

She also was an adept student researcher and participated in IMSA's student inquiry and research program with Northwestern University, where she studied the effects of high levels of carbon dioxide on the proliferation of skeletal muscle stem cells.

"On behalf of our administration, faculty and staff, we are saddened by this loss and we grieve for and with her family and loved ones," Armstrong said. "The loss of any student, particularly in such a tragic way, deeply hurts us all."

Liu completed a software engineering internship at Microsoft last year and had been working as a teaching assistant for University of Illinois' Engineering City Scholars program in Chicago, according to her LinkedIn profile.

"Both had just graduated in May and should have been able to celebrate such an important accomplishment without the fear of such a tragic outcome," U. of I. Associate Chancellor Robin Kaler said in response to Liu's death.

Thomas Hörmann, a spokesman for the prosecutors' office in Kempten, Germany, said the investigation into the attack is ongoing, but it could be three or four months before authorities decide on an indictment.

Associated Press contributed.

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Closing arguments begin in Chicago's Goonies gang trial

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

Over the past five weeks, a federal jury has been immersed in a small section of Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, where prosecutors say a close-knit street gang named the Goonies acted as "urban hunters," terrorizing residents and ruling its territory through an unrelenting wave of gun violence.

Jurors have watched killings play out on surveillance video. They've seen social media posts where Goonie members allegedly kept a tally of victims and "rejoiced" in the death of rivals. And they've heard testimony from a parade of cooperating witnesses who described each member's alleged role in the organization, including one nicknamed "Steph Curry" for his long-distance accuracy — only with a pistol, not a basketball.

At the head of it all was Romeo "O Dog" Blackman, who joined the gang as a young teen and literally shot his way to the top, Assistant U.S. Attorney Maureen McCurry said in her closing argument Tuesday in the racketeering trial of Blackman and two alleged henchmen.

"The more (Blackman) shot, the more he was respected and feared," McCurry said. "He put in a lot of work to get where he had to go."

Blackman and his co-defendants, Terrance "T" Smith and Jolicious "Jo Jo" Turman, are each charged with racketeering conspiracy as well as committing murder in furtherance of a racketeering conspiracy, which carries a mandatory life sentence upon conviction. In all, the indictment alleged the Goonies were responsible for 10 slayings and six attempted murders in an 18-month span from 2014 to 2016.

Defense attorneys are scheduled to begin their presentations Wednesday morning in U.S. District Judge John Robert Blakey's courtroom, where the trial began May 16.

Lawyers for the defendants urged jurors in opening statements not to let their feelings about gang violence get in the way of the facts, and warned that many of the government's witnesses were cooperating in exchange for breaks in their own cases, with some being granted immunity despite their alleged involvement in much of the violence.

"This case is not a referendum on street gangs," attorney Patrick Blegen, who represents Blackman, said in his opening statement. "The government has to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the Goonies were a racketeering enterprise and that they committed these acts."

Unlike more traditional street gangs that were highly organized and focused on protecting drug turf, the Goonies, a faction of the notorious Gangster Disciples, allegedly engaged in a shockingly petty cycle of violence with rivals, where shooting at "opps" was an almost daily routine and killings were bragged about on Facebook and other social media.

In her four-hour closing argument Tuesday, McCurry said the Goonie members acted like "urban hunters," lying in wait for targets and terrorizing a neighborhood where "real people live" and work and go to the store.

The currency of the Goonies "was power and respect," and that to achieve it they used most of the money earned through membership dues and drug sales to buy more guns, many through a straw purchasing pipeline that trafficked weapons purchased from gun stores in Kalamazoo, Michigan, McCurry said.

Through social media, undercover recordings and witness testimony, the jury heard how the Goonies obsessed over the "score" between them and their rivals, with each shooting of one of their own met with immediate and often indiscriminate retaliation.

McCurry said the Goonies even had a boastful phrase they used when the score was in their favor: "We up on the opps."

The translation, she said, was simple: "We killed more of them than they killed of us."

When it came to retaliation, McCurry said rival gang members weren't the only target of the Goonies. When one of their own, Robert "Winnie" Vaughn, 28, was fatally shot in July 2016, Blackman issued an order that anyone caught by the gang outside was fair game, including "babies, mamas, fathers and dogs," McCurry said.

"The gloves were off. Anything goes," McCurry said. "They had to even the scoreboard ... and make no mistake, Blackman was saying they could kill babies and innocent animals in revenge for Winnie's death."

Winnie's younger brother, Alex Vaughn, was in Cook County Jail on a weapons charge when he got the news about his brother's death. Vaughn testified last month he was grief stricken and soon made the decision to cooperate with authorities, who had already reached out to him in jail.

Later that year, Vaughn secretly recorded Turman talking about the alleged circumstances of Winnie's killing, and the Goonies' swift attempt at retaliation, when they were both being held on the same jail tier, according to his testimony.

On the muffled recording, which was played for the jury, Turman said rivals had "shot up" Winnie's car because "somebody be making (expletive) up on Facebook," according to a transcript in court records.

Turman said he and their fellow gang members went out early that morning to look for revenge.

"You know how we do," Turman said on the recording. "You know how I roll ... a mother (expletive) need to leave this earth."

Shortly after 6 a.m., they encountered Kenneth Whitaker, 34, a security guard with three children and no gang ties, walking at 74th and Morgan streets, according to prosecutors and previous Tribune accounts.

Turman allegedly jumped out of the car and shot Whitaker twice in the head, execution-style. Jurors were shown crime scene photos of Whitaker's body lying near the sidewalk outside of Stagg Elementary School on South Morgan Street.

In the conversation with Vaughn in Cook County Jail, Turman said they had driven "everywhere" looking for someone to shoot and "caught a mother (expletive) right there in front of Stagg," according to the transcript.

"Who was it, one of the Moes?" Vaughn asked, referring to a rival gang.

"I don't know, some mother (expletive)," Turman replied. "Whoever came out there."

Asked by prosecutors what he took that to mean, Vaughn replied that Turman was saying they'd shot "basically whoever they caught walking."

The Goonies allegedly came of age in the era of Facebook, and the trial has been singular for its focus on the gang's social media activities.

Jurors were shown numerous Facebook profile pages and chats allegedly between members of the gang where they discussed mundane issues such as meetings and dues and also posted disturbing videos celebrating when someone was killed.

One of those videos played in closing arguments was posted after the fatal shooting of Davon "D-Money" Horace, 19, in January 2016. Prosecutors alleged Blackman shot and killed Horace in an attempt to kill a rival who was near him.

Despite the fact that Blackman missed his target, McCurry said, the Goonies posted a Facebook live video shortly after the shooting "rejoicing in the death of another human being."

The video showed about a dozen members of the gang, some as young as 14, waving guns in front of the camera and dancing as they taunt the victim, chanting, "How the (expletive) did he get hit?" and "One in the head, no lie."

Also highlighted by McCurry was the May 2016 slaying of Gerald Sias Jr., an innocent bystander shot while getting his hair cut in a neighborhood barbershop on a weekday afternoon.

Vaughn testified that he, Blackman, and two other Goonie members were out that day to avenge the killing of one of their own. When they heard their target was at the shop, they pulled up and one of the younger Goonies ran inside and opened fire. When the gunman jumped back in the car, "He was like, 'I got him! I got him!' " Vaughn testified.

Later, though, Blackman got a call on his phone and his face grew angry, Vaughn told the jury. "He was like, 'You didn't get him. You got someone else,' " Vaughn said.

Sias, 38, a father of five with no gang ties, died later at a nearby hospital.

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Feds seek to revoke former Portage Mayor Snyder's bond

By Amy Lavalley
Post-Tribune

Having failed at his most recent attempt to have his federal convictions for bribery and obstructing the IRS overturned, former Portage Mayor James Snyder now faces revocation of his bond and being ordered to surrender to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons within the week.

A Tuesday filing by federal prosecutors in the U.S. District Court in Hammond asks Judge Matthew F. Kennelly to revoke Snyder's bond and order Snyder to surrender.

"In view of the fact that this matter has been pending for a considerable period, the government respectfully requests that the defendant be ordered to surrender within seven days, on or before June 27, 2023," according to the filing.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago rejected Snyder's bid to have his convictions dismissed in a June 15 ruling. First indicted in November 2016, his case has dragged on with two trials and convictions on two of the three charges he faced.

Snyder did not return a request for comment. He had been sentenced to 21 months in federal prison and one year of supervised release but was allowed to remain free as his appeal made its way to a conclusion.

"Now that the judgment has been affirmed, it is appropriate to revoke the defendant's bond and have the defendant surrender to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons," the four-page filing notes, adding that permitting bond during a pending appeal appears only "when appeal presents a 'substantial question of law' likely to result in reversal or new trial.' "

Snyder received neither of those things in his most recent attempt at an appeal.

Snyder, a Republican, was first elected mayor in 2011 and was reelected in 2015. He was indicted on two bribery counts, involving garbage truck purchases and towing contracts, and one related to the IRS in November 2016.

The last year of his second term was cut short in February 2019 when a federal jury convicted him of taking a $13,000 bribe in exchange for contracts to sell five garbage trucks to the city and using a shell company to hide income from the IRS when he owed personal and business taxes.

He was acquitted on the second bribery charge involving the towing contracts, a charge that generated a guilty plea from co-defendant John Cortina.

Snyder asked for and received a new trial on the bribery conviction involving the garbage trucks, and that trial, in March 2021, also resulted in a jury conviction.

Snyder filed another appeal in October 2021 in an attempt to have both of his convictions overturned and the court granted him bond pending that appeal.

In the bribery case, Snyder argued that his right to a speedy trial was being violated; that the bribe he received for a garbage truck contract was in fact payment for services he provided to Great Lakes Peterbilt, the firm that sold the city the garbage trucks; and that there was insufficient evidence for a conviction.

"Given irregularities in the bidding process, Snyder's contemporaneous contacts with the Buhas (unique among bidders), the timing of the $13,000 payment, the dubious explanations offered for the payment, and the lack of corroborating evidence for Snyder's claim that he was paid for consulting, a reasonable jury could conclude that Snyder accepted the check as a bribe or gratuity for steering the contracts to GLPB," the appellate judges noted.

As far as the IRS case, based on the government's argument that Snyder purposefully hid assets and income from the IRS after failing to pay personal and payroll taxes in a timely fashion by setting up a second business to funnel income without reporting it, the appellate court ruled that "sufficient evidence supported the jury's verdict."

Snyder had argued that the statute of limitations had passed on the IRS charges and that there was insufficient evidence for a jury to convict him.

Snyder has a pending federal lawsuit against current Portage Mayor Sue Lynch and Dan Whitten, the city attorney, alleging they coached Randy Reeder, a witness in the bribery case, not to meet with Snyder or his legal team.

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Archdiocese clears priest after sexual abuse claim

By Caroline Kubzansky
Pioneer Press

The Archdiocese of Chicago announced Tuesday that its investigation of a sexual abuse claim against Father John W. Clemens, who ministered at Park Ridge's Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church and Rosemont's Our Lady of Hope Mission, has cleared him of the accusation.

Clemens was the pastor of Rosemont-based Our Lady of Hope Parish until retiring in 2018, according to information on the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women website. On July 1, 2021, Our Lady of Hope became a mission of Mary, Seat of Wisdom under the Renew My Church initiative, an Archdiocese-wide effort that seeks to use finite resources efficiently.

Though Clemens officially retired, he has assisted as a priest at both Mary, Seat of Wisdom and Our Lady of Hope on an as-needed basis, an Archdiocese spokeswoman said.

In letters to parishioners at both the church and the mission, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich wrote that the Archdiocese Independent Review Board, assisted by the Archdiocese Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review and outside investigators, conducted a thorough review of the allegation and determined there was not reasonable cause to believe Clemens had sexually abused youths.

The Archdiocese spokeswoman said the archdiocese notifies the county state's attorney's office of all allegations.

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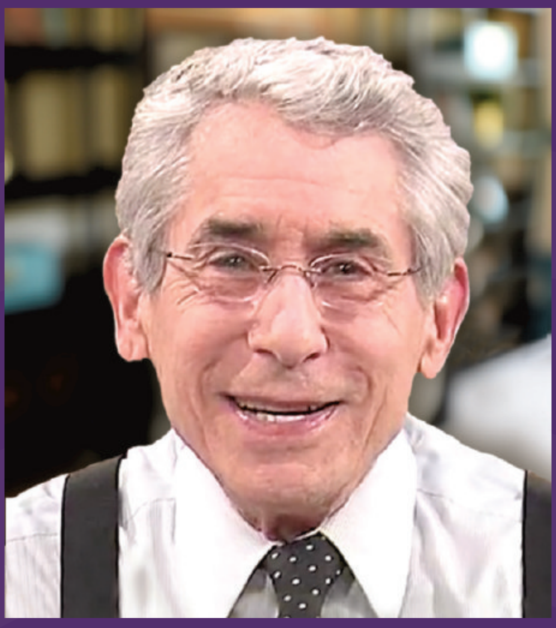

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Celebration

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Mayte Vera Lopez dances with her mother, Rebeca Lopez, during Mayte's quinceañera in Chicago on Saturday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Mayte Vera Lopez is introduced to the crowd during her quinceañera in Chicago.

The owner and chef of the high-profile restaurant, Alfonso Sotelo, also pitched in. He offered a space to host the event at a discounted price and, of course, was flexible with Lopez and the rest of the workers to make sure they could take the time from work to enjoy the celebration together.

"All my workers are important to me, they are like family," he said.

Dominguez and another server at the restaurant, Cory Guzman, paid for the dress that cost around $1,000. Alfredo also helped get the food prepared, secured a bartender for the night and stood by Lopez's side to help with anything she needed. Guzman also made his specialty dish of spiced shrimp to share with the invitees. Norma Ruiz offered to pay for the alcoholic drinks and other co-workers also donated soda and other necessities for the party.

"This is what everyone should do for one another, be there in the good times and bad times," Dominguez said.

Reyna Godos, who no longer works at 5 Rabanitos but who is good friends with Lopez and the rest of the workers, got Mayte the cake and her last doll — an important tradition for the mother and daughter because it signifies that the young girl transitioned from a girl to a woman.

For Lopez and her daughter the *quinceañera* is special because it's a tradition deeply rooted in culture for her family, who emigrated to Chicago from Michoacan, Mexico. It celebrates a girl's entrance into womanhood when turning 15. Lopez was able to host it for her first daughter and she wanted to make sure her youngest daughter felt just as special.

And she did.

Mayte laughed, cried and danced, her mother, sister and little brother by her side.

"Together we can accomplish anything, we're a team," Lopez said. "I tell them all the time."

After a long day of work Saturday night, Sotelo and some of the workers joined Lopez and her family at a small venue in the South Side. A crown of lilac balloons adorned the table where Mayte sat with some of her high school friends. Earlier that day, Lopez had decorated the space. The tables all had white tablecloths with purple runners and artificial flower and balloon center pieces. She also added a small dessert table with sweets that some of the attendees helped to make.

The trays of food, which Dominguez brought to the hall along with one of Lopez's brothers, were lined up on the bar. There was rice, chicken and mole, a traditional Mexican dish that one of Dominguez's friend helped make.

After dinner, the group surrounded Lopez and her daughter in the middle of the dance floor, dancing to cumbia and banda, cheering for the moment.

"I hope it shows people that good people do exist in this world," Lopez said. "And that it encourages others to do the same because this single day, I'm sure, I'll remember forever, (my daughter) she will remember this forever."

Her co-workers and friends, Lopez said, are selfless. She is still in disbelief that they so willingly offered to support her and her children every time things turn dark on her. But more so, she is grateful that they were there to celebrate together.

Ever since she became a single mother after the end of her relationship little more than a year ago, life for her and her children has not been easy.

She carries the full responsibility to financially support her children, Alan, 10, Mayte, now 15, and her older daughter Diana, 19.

She said all three are considerate and thoughtful. "They never ask for anything I can't give them," Lopez said.

"Though I wish I could give them the world," said the mother as her voiced cracked and she took a deep breath.

So when she took her youngest daughter by the hand in the middle of the dance floor during the *quinceañera* and saw her smile, she realized that though she may not be able to do it all alone, she has a village that will help when she needs it the most. And that includes family and friends.

A shy Mayte took the mic during her party and thanked everyone.

"*Gracias a todos por hacer esta fiesta realidad,*" she said, or "Thank you to everyone for making this party a reality." Her mother followed.

"*Sin la ayuda de mis compañeros esto no hubiera sido possible,*" meaning that without the help and encouragement from her co-workers, she wouldn't have been able to host such an important celebration for her daughter.

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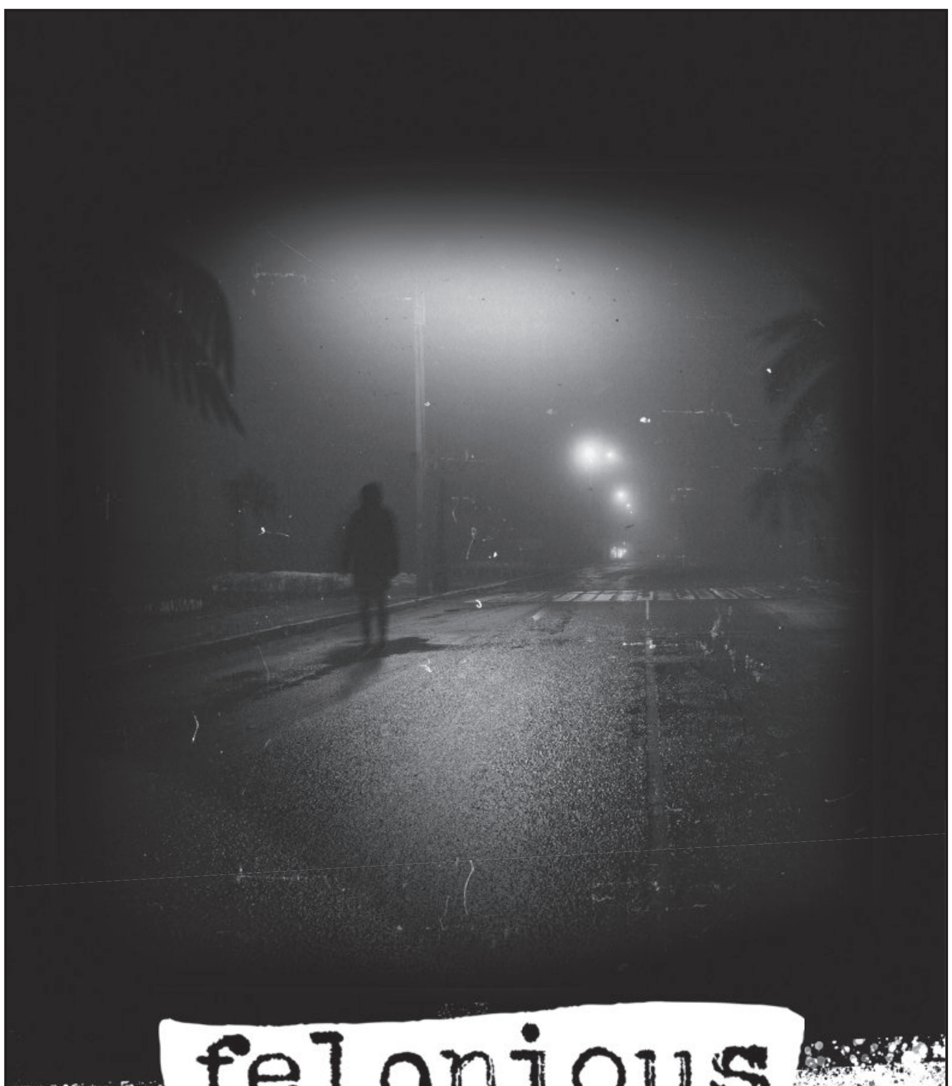

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Casino

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Tribune printing plant in River West. It plans to open the permanent casino in 2026.

Medinah Temple will serve as a temporary casino for up to three years while the permanent facility is built. Bally's hopes customers can begin pulling slot levers and splitting aces by August, pending Gaming Board approval.

Built by the Shriners in 1912, the Medinah Temple was designed by architecture firm Huehl and Schmid. Over the years the venue hosted everything from concerts and high school graduations to the annual Shrine Circus. Amenities included a 30,000-pound pipe organ installed in 1915.

The building, which occupies nearly a block on Wabash Avenue, was designated a Chicago landmark in 2001. It was redeveloped as a Bloomingdale's home furnishings store in 2003 but had been vacant since Macy's sold it to Chicago developer Albert Friedman in 2019.

Bally's Chicago has been renovating the historic 130,000-square-foot Medinah Temple since January.

"We basically knocked down 90 percent of everything that was in here when it was Bloomingdale's," said Mark Wong, a veteran casino executive named vice president and general manager of Bally's Chicago in August. "This is new construction."

While much of the heavy lifting took place earlier in the year, the transformation has accelerated in recent days after getting the green light from the Gaming Board.

On Tuesday dozens of hard-hatted workers in yellow vests carted slot machines in on dollies, placing them in marked spots near electrical stands where they will be mounted. Gaming table bases found a home on the two upper floors, wrapped in plastic with small placards indicating their designated purpose, awaiting the tops that make them ready to play.

"We have 75 percent of the slot machines and table games loaded in," Wong said. "By the end of the week we'll have everything. Then it's just a matter of installing, testing."

The main entrance on Wabash Avenue opens onto an expansive, modern blue-lit center bar. An abundance of slot machines are scattered across the first floor. The ground level also includes a coffee shop and an atrium looking up to the ornate rotunda lined with inset stained glass windows.

The second floor includes half of the table games, set down on spaces marked with blue tape on a swirling carpet of blue, red and orange.

It also features hundreds of slot machines and an element seldom found in casinos — windows, or more precisely, 111-year-old stained glass windows.

The historic windows are cordoned off by a low glass partition to enable close viewing without touching — a preservation requirement from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks.

"It was important for us to have on display some of the original architectural elements of the building," Wong said. "We purposely put a wall here to protect them, but at the same time make sure that our customers will enjoy this very unique experience here."

The third floor is home to the rest of the table games, more slot machines, two restaurants and a planned sportsbook, which Bally's hopes to open in 2024, pending Gaming Board approval.

Other historic touches include the theater proscenium, which long framed eclectic offerings on the auditorium stage. The curtain is drawn, but backstage is where back office administrative functions will take place, Wong said.

Modern amenities include six new brightly-lit washrooms.

Bally's is also considering a large display on the inaccessible but visible lower level paying homage to Medinah Temple's history, with renderings and models of the permanent casino to come, Jewett said.

The permanent facility will include an exhibition hall, 500-room hotel, a 3,000-seat theater, 10 restaurants and 4,000 gaming positions — by far the largest casino in the state.

Bally's had planned to use an adjacent Tribune Publishing warehouse at 700 W. Chicago Ave. as its temporary casino while Freedom Center is demolished and the permanent facility is built, but the city pushed for Medinah Temple as an alternative, sources said.

At the time, Bally Chairman Soo Kim told the Tribune he was "not crazy" about switching to Medinah Temple, a sentiment shared by some River North neighbors. Concerns included the lack of on-site parking.

On Tuesday Jewett said the Medinah buildout has exceeded expectations.

"I think this is a much better experience than you would have gotten from a warehouse," Jewett said.

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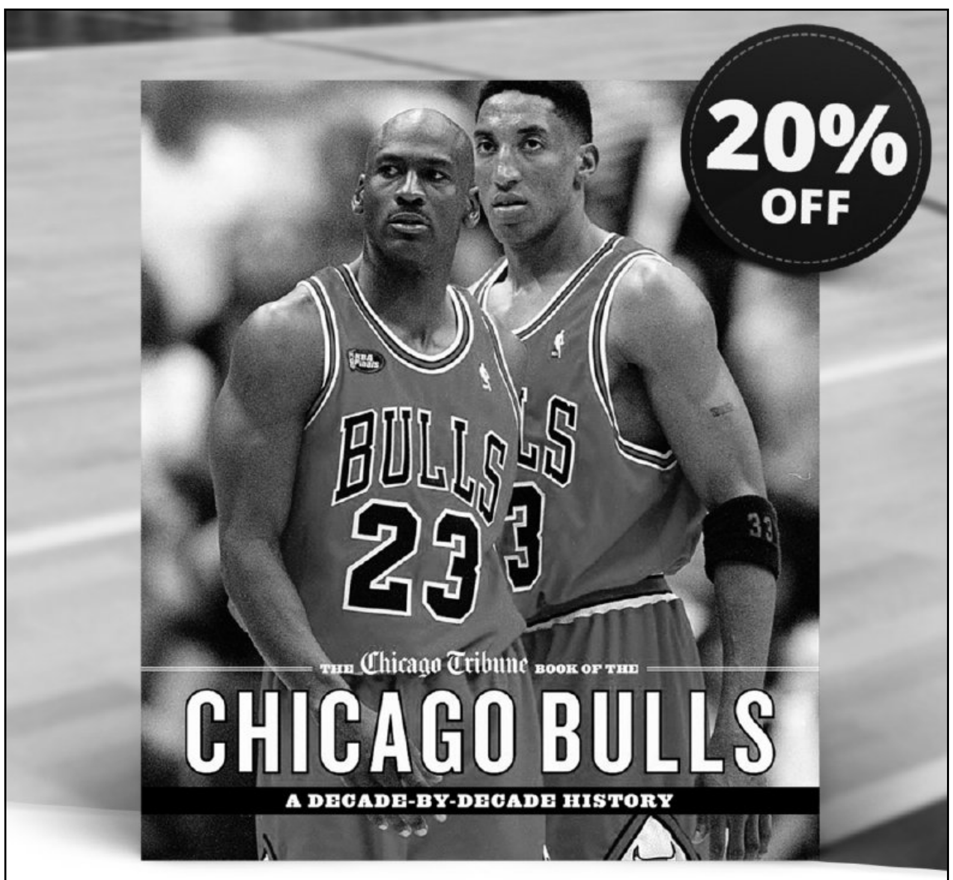
"It's probably the best-looking temporary casino you'll ever see. It's a wow factor just walking in. It's unique."

— Chris Jewett, director of corporate development for Bally's

Bally's Mark Wong gives a tour of the Medinah Temple in Chicago on Tuesday. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

The Medinah Temple in Chicago on Tuesday.

Stained glass adorns the inside of the Medinah Temple in Chicago on Tuesday.



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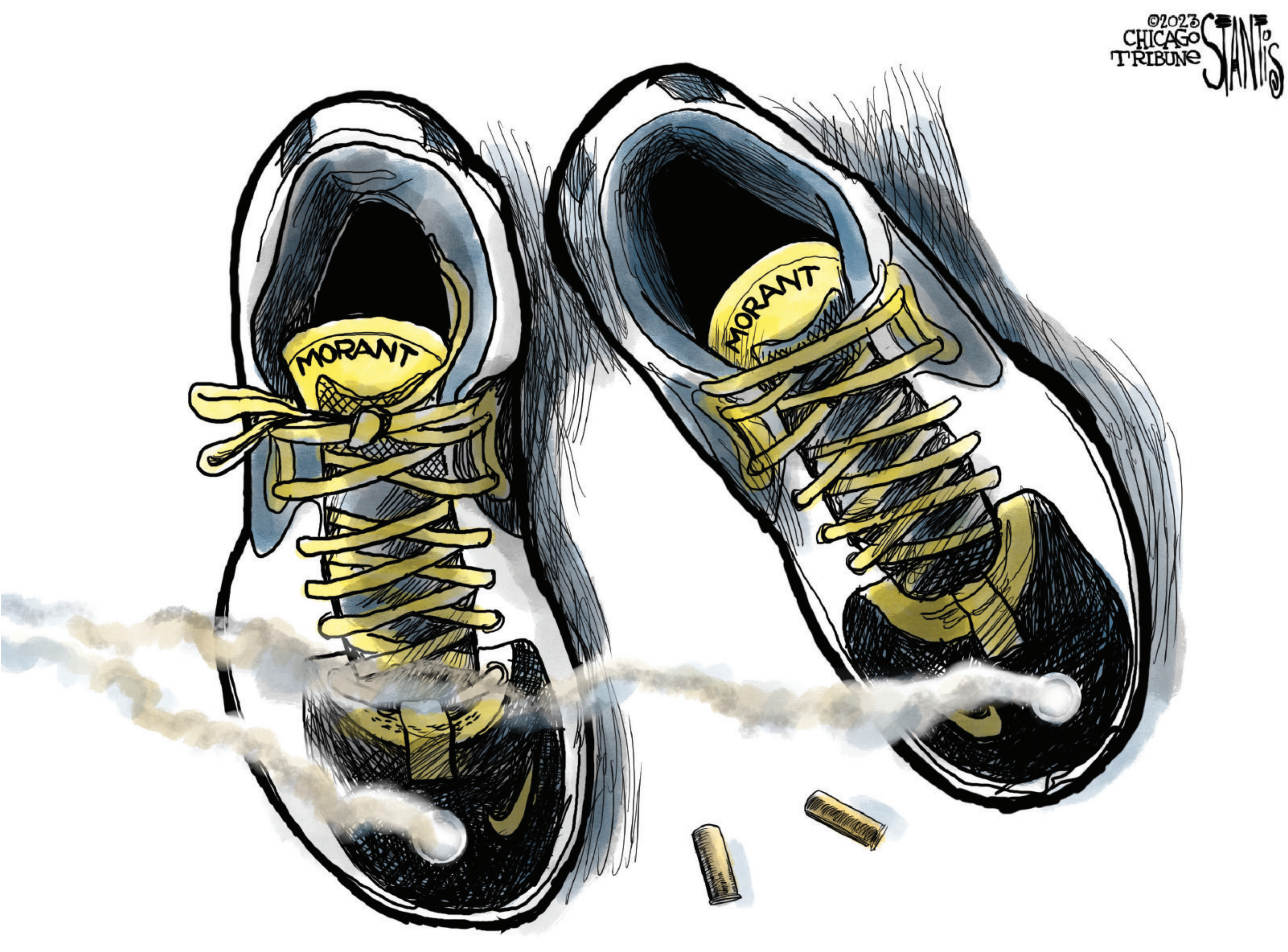

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Ja Morant flashes a gun on Instagram and laughs. America isn't laughing with him.

Ja Morant's latest line of Nike sneakers, the red, blue and black "Ja 1 Hunger," sold out within 20 minutes of its release. Basketball players get sneaker deals when they're top-shelf NBA talent, and the 23-year-old Memphis Grizzlies point guard is one of the league's most dazzling stars. He's a two-time All-Star who has led his team to three playoff appearances.

Off the court, however, Morant is a veritable train wreck.

In March, Morant livestreamed a video on Instagram in which he grinningly brandished a firearm at a nightclub outside Denver after a game. The NBA punished him with an eight-game suspension for that behavior. Morant apologized for his recklessness and said he was seeking treatment to better deal with stress.

Just how sincere was that apology? In May, Morant appeared in another livestream video on Instagram, this time seated in the passenger seat of a car and flashing a gun while his friend filmed him. Again, Morant apologized. This time, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver hit Morant with a 25-game suspension.

Morant, who is slated to earn roughly $33.5 million this season, will lose about $7.5 million if the suspension survives a challenge from the NBA's players union. "The potential for other young people to emulate Ja's conduct is particularly concerning," Silver said. "Under these circumstances, we believe a suspension of 25 games is appropriate and makes clear that engaging in reckless and irresponsible behavior with guns will not be tolerated."

Grizzlies guard Ja Morant on the bench during Game 5 in a first-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Lakers on April 26 in Memphis, Tenn. BRANDON DILL/AP

We wholeheartedly agree with Silver, though we think Morant should miss more than a third of the season, given just how grave America's struggle with gun violence has become.

Mass shootings are now routine headlines. Highland Park, Nashville, Uvalde, Texas, and so many other communities are no longer just geographic names — they evoke memories of mass carnage. In the Chicago region, it seems as if no week goes by without an instance of gun violence that claims multiple victims.

Early Sunday in the west suburb of Willowbrook, gunfire erupted at a Juneteenth celebration in ashopping center parking lot; one person was shot to death and 22 others were injured. Early Saturday, five people were shot near Lincoln Park Zoo when an argument broke out and someone responded with gunfire. Four of the victims were listed in critical condition as of Tuesday. Fatal shootings also happened in Austin, Roseland, East Garfield Park, Ashburn and other West and South side neighborhoods.

The country's gun violence dilemma inextricably intersects with its armed-to-the-teeth gun culture. To its credit, the NBA for several years has sought to raise awareness about gun violence, relying on star players to take part in public service ads about the problem. After the school shooting in Uvalde, NBA teams that had reached the playoffs last year displayed messages in arenas that urged Americans to ask their lawmakers for common sense gun safety legislation.

As an NBA superstar, Morant could have been, and should be, part of that league effort. Instead he chose the opposite path — twice. His stardom gives him an ideal platform from which to connect with youths confronted by a world awash with guns. And it's clear fans both young and old pay attention to him — his No. 12 Grizzlies' jersey is among the NBA's best selling jerseys, and he has a combined 12 million-plus followers on Twitter and Instagram.

But like far too many superstar athletes thrust into a stratosphere of nine-digit contracts (in 2022, Morant signed a five-year, $193 million contract extension), Morant lost his bearings and made terrible judgments.

The sports world has been here before. The NFL has had more than its share of star players who commit domestic violence or perpetrate other egregious behavior; we were deeply troubled not just by allegations of sexual misconduct levied against star quarterback Deshaun Watson, but by the lenient 11-game suspension he received for his actions.

In such cases, league officials and team owners are enablers much more than they are problem solvers. The reason is obvious. Too often, the people at the wheel in professional sports are guided by one motive — cash flow. Consequently, superstars who behave recklessly usually get kid gloves treatment from their teams and league commissioners. The same can be said of the myriad corporations that fete star athletes with multimillion dollar endorsement contracts.

In the case of Morant, Nike has made it clear the sports gear giant stands by his side, just as it did after the March video surfaced. "We are pleased that Ja is taking accountability and prioritizing his well-being," the company said in a disappointing statement released last week. "We will continue to support him on and off the court." If Nike really wanted to support Morant, it would show him some tough love, and cut the cord on its relationship with him. Given the popularity of Ja Morant gear, that's about as likely as a Bulls return to the NBA Finals next season.

Ultimately, whether Morant changes his ways is up to Ja Morant. We hope he realizes that achievement in sports is defined not just by physical prowess and skill, nor by triple-doubles and soaring dunks. Off-the-court behavior matters. A new, impressionable generation is watching, and taking cues.

Along with his 25-game suspension, Morant will have to "fulfill a program with the league that directly addresses the circumstances that led him to repeat this destructive behavior," Silver said.

That program should require Morant to meet with parents of gun violence victims, perhaps a survivor of street gang crossfire or a mother of a toddler killed by a stray bullet on a porch. That might wake him up.

ABOUT DRACONIAN COVID RESTRICTIONS

Ronald Reagan famously said, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help." What an apt summation of the government's heavy-handed efforts to fight the coronavirus. The Institute of Economic Affairs recently published a book on the effectiveness of pandemic lockdowns. The authors include a professor from Johns Hopkins and professor emeritus from Lund University in Sweden. "The results of our meta-analysis support the conclusion that lockdowns in the spring of 2020 had a negligible effect on COVID-19 mortality," they wrote. "This result is consistent with the view that voluntary changes in behavior, such as social distancing, did play an important role in mitigating the pandemic."

They find that the average lockdown in the United States in spring 2020 averted 16,000 deaths. That's a significant number, but consider the context. In the United States, an average of 38,000 people each year die from the flu. But no one ever suggested locking down the country to prevent flu deaths. That's because society's elected representatives must balance competing priorities. If you lock down to prevent COVID or flu deaths, you create other negative public health issues that can have long-term ramifications. In 2019, fewer than 71,000 people died from drug overdoses. In 2020, that number spiked up to more than 91,000. Tragically, it isn't coming down. Last year, it increased to 109,000. There are many factors in overdose deaths, including the rise of fentanyl, but it's foolish to think lockdowns didn't contribute to them. Suicide and homicide rates have increased since 2019, too. This suggests it's probable that the side effects of lockdowns will produce more American deaths than were saved by the restrictions.

This is an important lesson for politicians and the public: Consider more than just a single variable when evaluating the merits of a proposed policy.

Las Vegas Review Journal Editorial Board

OPINION

Mayor must make explicit commitments to transparency

By Jamie Kalven

A portrait of Mayor Brandon Johnson hangs outside Chicago City Council Chambers on May 24 at City Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Among the final acts of Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration was the denial of a mother's request for information in the city's possession about the circumstances of her son's death. A gratuitously ungenerous act, the denial was emblematic of Lightfoot's larger failure to make good on her campaign promise to "bring the light."

Shapearl Wells had filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking the report of the inspector general's office on the Chicago Police Department's handling of a 2016 homicide in which her 22-year-old son, Courtney Copeland, appealed to officers for help after being wounded in an apparent carjacking attempt. The Department of Law denied Wells' request, as it had requests for inspector general reports on other matters of intense public interest, such as the botched 2019 police raid on the home of Anjanette Young and the reckless 2020 implosion of a smokestack that left Little Village residents choking on demolition dust.

These are instances of a larger pattern. Having campaigned as a sharp critic of the mishandling of the administration of former Mayor Rahm Emanuel of the Laquan McDonald murder case and as an advocate for enhanced transparency, Lightfoot once in power repeatedly withheld public information from the public.

That history holds important lessons for the new administration of Mayor Brandon Johnson. It is inevitable that situations will arise in which he and his team will have strong incentives to restrict access to public information to maintain an official narrative that serves their purposes. That is why it is essential for him to make explicit transparency commitments at the beginning of his tenure.

We should be realistic about this. Power imposes itself through narrative, and information control is a necessary tool for that purpose. We cannot design our institutions with the expectation of exceptionally enlightened leadership. We must design them to withstand limited, fallible, self-protective human beings like ourselves.

Paradoxically, concern about the lies of former President Donald Trump — so brazen, so demonstrably false, so dangerous — has obscured rather than illuminated the tendency of government at all levels to use the tools at its disposal to shape and maintain official narratives at odds with the facts. Robust transparency is the primary check on those tendencies.

Johnson can set the tone of his administration by acting immediately on the transparency agenda formulated by open government advocates but blocked by the previous administration. There are three primary items on this agenda:

Make inspector general reports public. Johnson has indicated that he will release the Copeland and other inspector general reports. That is welcome, but it is all too easy to make public reports that reflect negatively on the previous administration. The meaningful commitment here would be to establish an explicit timeline for the release of future inspector general reports. This would be a matter of revising the ordinance, pushed through by the Lightfoot administration, that gives the Department of Law "sole discretion" to determine whether to make inspector general reports public. A similar timetable should be set for the release of reports by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA), which have also too often disappeared into the black hole of the Law Departmet.

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Revise video release policy. One of the first reforms instituted after the McDonald revelations was a policy that relevant video footage in cases of police shootings and serious use of force should be made public no more than 60 days after the incident. At the time it was adopted, this was the most progressive of such policies in the nation. In light of experience since then, the policy should now be revised in two respects. First, the time period should be reduced to no more than a week and perhaps less, absent a compelling showing of why it is necessary to extend it. Second, COPA staff should not make editorial decisions as to "relevance" but rather should release all available video footage in its entirety and let the public determine what is in the public interest.

Establish a public repository of police misconduct investigations. The city should make public the entire body of closed misconduct files without requiring individual FOIA requests. The mayor has the power to make this happen. There are no legal barriers. In 2014, the Illinois Court of Appeals ruled in Kalven v. Chicago that completed investigations of police misconduct complaints are public information in Illinois. In 2021, a legislative effort advanced by several civic organizations and the inspector general's office to fully realize the promise of that ruling by creating such a repository in the inspector general's office was blocked in the 11th hour by Lightfoot. Such a repository, which could be established in a cost-effective manner over time, would not only extend the reach of analyses of police misconduct, but it would also be an invaluable human rights archive.

With mayoral support, each of these legislative tweaks could easily be achieved. Taken together, they would constitute a paradigm shift from the current reactive, inefficient, grudging system to the practice of transparency as a principle of governance. This would be an act of leadership reminiscent of the words of Václav Havel in his first address to the nation after being swept to the presidency of Czechoslovakia in the Velvet Revolution.

"I assumed you did not propose me for this office," he declared, "so that I, too, would lie to you."

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Chicago housing sector should step up to welcome LGBTQ+ people

By Brian Johnson and Shimmy Braun

A Pride flag flies from an SUV near the Art Institute of Chicago on June 8.
JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It's impossible to ignore the surge in discrimination against LGBTQ+ people across the country and in many neighboring states in the Midwest. This month, for the first time in history, the Human Rights Campaign declared a "state of emergency" for LGBTQ+ Americans after an unprecedented and dangerous spike in anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and protests in many areas of the country.

Amid this adversity, Chicago has become a haven for LGBTQ+ people in the Midwest who are fleeing discrimination and threats of violence. These tangible threats are causing many LGBTQ+ families in Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky and other states to uproot their lives in search of safety, with many relocating to Chicago and its suburbs as places of refuge. There is much work left to be done to ensure that when they land in our state, they find a place that welcomes them with open arms.

As an openly gay mortgage loan officer in Chicago and as CEO of the state's oldest organization dedicated to defending the rights of LGBTQ+ people, we know firsthand how important it is to foster safe and affordable housing for LGBTQ+ people. We have listened to countless stories from those who have fled their hometowns to find acceptance and opportunity in our city.

A Tribune article published April 24, "LGBTQ residents find fresh start in Illinois," chronicles this great migration. As one couple featured in the article said about their decision to move to Chicago after facing slurs and a hostile environment in their home state of Nebraska, "We are just over it. I am ashamed to say I live in Nebraska ... and I don't want to be ashamed of where I live."

The 2023 Business Climate Index released by Out Leadership, a business platform, reveals a distressing regression in LGBTQ+ access and equality in the United States. While Illinois ranks among the top 10 states in terms of LGBTQ+ equality, our neighboring states sit in the bottom half of the rankings. It's no surprise, then, that LGBTQ+ residents from these states seek solace in Chicago, where they can escape laws that endanger their lives and livelihoods.

But even in Illinois, some are protesting progress.

Nearly 160 drag events were the target of protests or threats of violence last year, and Illinois had the third-highest number of incidents. A library in Downers Grove had to cancel a drag bingo event after staff received threats through email, as well as a letter reading "more to come" with a bullet enclosed.

There is more work left to be done to make the entire state of Illinois a welcoming place for people to be free to live as they are. We have an obligation to LGBTQ+ residents living here, and to those looking to move to our city and state, to make every corner of Illinois free of discrimination.

Our two organizations recently announced a partnership during June, Pride Month, with a dozen mortgage loan officers across the state to support the work of Equality Illinois in fighting discrimination and creating an environment in which LGBTQ+ people find resources and a welcoming environment in their new home state.

Illinois stands among 23 states, plus the District of Columbia, that prohibit discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation and gender identity. This is a testament to our commitment to inclusivity and equality. But our work doesn't end with legislation; it's our responsibility to ensure that LGBTQ+ people have fair access to housing opportunities as well.

To level the playing field, those in the housing sector must be educated and acknowledge the unique challenges LGBTQ+ individuals face in the housing market. Studies by the LGBTQ+ Real Estate Alliance have highlighted issues including safety concerns and the long history of discrimination that has hindered LGBTQ+ people's wealth potential. Furthermore, data compiled by Zillow in June 2020 shows that in places where explicit legal protections for LGBTQ+ people exist, like Chicago, the typical cost of buying a home was 63% more than in areas without protections.

In light of these challenges, we urge Chicago-area real estate professionals to educate themselves about ways they can offer support to LGBTQ+ homebuyers and renters. Whether it's finding neighborhoods friendly to LGBTQ+ people, connecting clients with supportive resources or offering guidance on inclusive financial options, these efforts demonstrate a commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all. This not only benefits the community directly, it also contributes to a more inclusive and equitable housing market that benefits everyone.

At stake in the daily lives of LGBTQ+ individuals is the fundamental right to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity regardless of address. It is about so much more than mere legal rights. It encompasses social acceptance and inclusion. It means being able to live openly, free from the burden of hiding one's identity. It means having access to affirming services, support networks and resources. It means being able to participate fully and equally in all areas of society, from community events and political processes to buying a home and living in a supportive neighborhood.

To those who seek refuge in our city and state, know that Chicago will always stand as a beacon of hope and resilience for you. It is a city that will always continue to celebrate love, diversity and equality. We refuse to allow discrimination and bigotry to dictate the narrative. We welcome you with open arms and are committed to fighting for you.

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OPINION

SEAN GLADWELL/GETTY

Chicago can do better connecting domestic violence victims with services

By Rachel Graber and Jens Ludwig

While the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical need for swift action in tackling public health crises, we have been sluggish in applying this lesson to address the escalating domestic violence epidemic. During the pandemic, incidents of domestic violence surged by more than 30%.

Discussion about what to do in response to domestic violence incidents has mostly focused on what specific programs or services can be most helpful in supporting survivors or preventing future violence. For example, the United States' first National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, recently released by the Biden administration, proposes a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to ending gender-based violence, including domestic violence. But at least as important is how to connect people to these services, including — crucially — when to make the connection.

Today, connections provided to domestic violence survivors are too often referrals for service rather than the service itself: We hand someone a brochure as they leave the doctor's office or are discharged from the emergency room and hope they follow through, but this is not enough.

Life and human nature get in the way. The brochure gets lost. Pain starts to dissipate. A car breaks down. Work schedules get in the way. A family member gets sick.

There is a better way.

Behavioral science — and common sense — says that people are more likely to do something the easier it is. Rather than offer a domestic violence survivor the chance to go somewhere else sometime in the future to sign up for services later, why not sign them up or provide the care then and there? A "zero-delay handoff."

This idea has been remarkably helpful in addressing other public health crises like opioid addiction. On Chicago's West Side, the Police Department and other city agencies partnered with community health care provider Thresholds to embed drug treatment counselors right inside the police station. When people are arrested for possessing small amounts of drugs, rather than get handed a brochure to go to a treatment provider hopefully sometime in the future, people can sign up for treatment on the spot at the police station. (They can also avoid getting arrested altogether.)

The result? According to an analysis by the University of Chicago Crime Lab, fully 79% signed up to receive treatment and were found to stick with that treatment over time.

We're seeing similarly encouraging results in dealing with gun violence. One program at Johns Hopkins University, for example, found that if gun violence survivors are connected with counseling and support services while they are in the emergency room, 71% choose to take up those services.

What would a similar approach look like for domestic violence survivors? How might we take the onus off survivors to seek out treatment, which often puts them at further risk? Law enforcement makes warm handoffs in many cases, particularly in jurisdictions using risk assessments. But when only half of survivors report domestic violence to law enforcement in the first place, we must identify other avenues for referrals — and we must find other avenues for identifying people who may be experiencing abuse while protecting their privacy, dignity and autonomy.

We must identify other key contact points for domestic violence survivors to receive care. We know at least some of the other places where domestic violence survivors wind up today: emergency rooms and homeless shelters, for example. To identify key contact points, we must de-silo government and community partners, a key component of Chicago's 2022 domestic violence strategic plan — and then ensure service providers are embedded in these places so survivors can access care immediately.

Domestic violence programs provide an array of services that can help a survivor find safety and healing. In addition to providing emergency housing, they can support survivors through legal processes such as child custody and assistance with obtaining a protective order if desired. They can help survivors access longer-term stable housing, offer counseling and other forms of social-emotional support, and provide survivors with a whole host of services to enable them to rebuild their lives.

Just as there is no reason to delay service offerings when we are dealing with opioid addiction or gun violence, there's no reason to delay the handoff of domestic violence survivors to social support services.

Domestic violence affects 10 million people each year in America. Two in five women will be affected over their lifetimes. The National Action Plan calls on both the government and civil society to improve our response to gender-based violence, and we must heed this call.

Progress in supporting survivors requires not only more resources, but also better ways of connecting survivors to those resources immediately. This key point was recognized long ago in a very different context by William Shakespeare: "Defer no time, delays have dangerous ends."

If you or a loved one has experienced domestic violence, help is available. Call the Illinois domestic violence hotline at 877-863-6338 or visit the-network.org/ to chat online.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

I-55 disaster is a reminder

Jonathan Burlington and Jake Sheridan's harrowing Sunday account ("A 'perfect storm,' " June 18) of the devastation on Interstate 55 as a wall of dust from nearby fields temporarily blinded drivers is a timely reminder of an old rule that most Illinois drivers seem to violate: allow at least one vehicle length between your car and the one ahead of you for every 10 mph of speed.

Every day that I drive on an expressway outside Chicago, I see drivers traveling 80 mph, sometimes 90 mph, and hugging the back bumper of the vehicle in front of them. (Within Chicago city limits, traffic is generally too congested for drivers to reach those speeds, but even at lower speeds, drivers follow so closely that they have no chance of stopping in time to avoid colliding with a stopped vehicle.)

I have a brother who was severely injured for life when he was hit by a car as a pedestrian more than 50 years ago, and I truly grieve for those injured and killed during the May 1 dust storm, as well as for those who love them.

In my case, it's been half a century of pain, misery and disrupted family relationships for all concerned. But I no longer refer to mass pileups in particular as automobile "accidents." They are instead, far too often, the predictable results of intentional conduct: driving too fast and following too closely.

Be careful out there, folks. Slow down and keep a safe distance ahead of you, and help all of us lead longer, healthier, happier lives!

— *David L. Applegate, Huntley*

Creating dust storm conditions

The article about the dust storm was very good. I have been waiting for something like this crash to happen. Thanks to "new" farming techniques and owners who want a profit and don't care about how it is gotten, farmers now do not remember the knowledge gained during the Dust Bowl years. These days farmers, are encouraged to remove windbreak trees and plow to the fence line. This is fine until you get acres and acres of open areas that are subject to fierce winds and dry conditions. Then you get dust "storms" like the one that happened on Interstate 55. There will be more.

Perhaps a reminder of the techniques used to avert dust storms that were used in the 1930s and '40s would help.

— *Marcelline Ricker, Downers Grove*

Relations between Cuba, US

While the June 14 editorial "China and Cuba are getting closer. Now is the time for Biden to reengage with Havana." is correct in the observation that ties between Havana and Beijing have improved in recent years, a number of the Tribune Editorial Board's premises in explaining these renewed ties are mistaken.

First, Cuban migrants fled in large numbers each time the United States engaged with Havana: President Jimmy Carter began engaging Cuba in 1977, and 125,000 Cubans fled to the U.S. in 1980. President Barack Obama began loosening the embargo on Cuba in 2009 and normalized relations in 2015. This coincided with more than 120,000 Cubans entering the U.S. through Central America from 2014 to 2016. The Biden administration responded to increased migration by loosening sanctions in May 2022, and the number of Cubans entering the U.S. increased dramatically.

Havana has weaponized migration and views engagement as a sign of weakness to be exploited.

Secondly, Havana's relations with China and Russia have improved, whereas its relations with Washington have worsened. The Cuban dictatorship views the United States, and democracy more broadly, as an existential threat.

When Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in 1985 began to reform the Soviet Union's economic system and improve human rights, the response of the Castro brothers was to censor Soviet publications and to purge the military of officials contaminated with the ideas of Perestroika and Glasnost. This was at a time when 75% of Cuba's foreign trade was with the Soviet Union. Cuba's relations with Beijing warmed when Fidel Castro supported the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Today, Cuba's No. 1 trading partner is the European Union, and the EU has provided billions of dollars in subsidies and debt forgiveness.

Nevertheless, a high-ranking Belarusian military official, Valery Revenka, tweeted on May 18 that Cuban military personnel will carry out military training in Belarus with photographs of him meeting with his Cuban counterpart. Cuban soldiers are fighting alongside Russian and Wagner Group troops in Ukraine, Canada's CBC reported June 3.

The EU's engagement with Havana has not stopped the Cuban dictatorship from sending troops to fight in Russia's illegal war in Ukraine. Why would the U.S. want to follow Europe's failed example?

— *John Suarez, executive director, Center for a Free Cuba, Falls Church, Virginia*

A more realistic foreign policy

Kudos for the editorial calling on Joe Biden's administration to resume opening up ties with Cuba. This came with unconfirmed reports, denied by our State Department, of a supposed agreement to build a Chinese spy station there. It should be no surprise that Cuba has established strong economic ties with China in the context of our own long-standing economic and political boycott of that country, reinforced by Donald Trump-initiated policies still in force.

The Tribune Editorial Board's position makes sense as our isolation around the global south grows. It is in our interests to reestablish full political, economic and cultural ties with Cuba. A more realistic foreign policy would end the 60-year-plus embargo and help both economies recover. It would also be a step toward new and welcome realism in foreign policy.

— *Lyon Leifer, Northbrook*

Why do we give aid to dictators?

Thank you for running Elizabeth Shackelford's column ("Uganda's anti-LGBTQ law should spotlight a bigger problem for US," June 16). Indeed, why do we continue to give foreign aid to dictators and countries where *social indicators* have not improved since the 1980s? We benefit not at all when we support these regimes, and worse, our foreign policy that rewards disrespect for human rights *creates refugees*!

Worse, we keep having our members of Congress telling us that Social Security and Medicare are entitlements — when we pay for those programs. How can those be entitlements — but not foreign aid to dictators? Who is putting foreign aid into our budget? Hmmm, could lobbyists have more influence than American citizens?

— *Robyn Michaels, Chicago*

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Hunter Biden exits Holy Spirit Catholic Church after attending mass in Johns Island, South Carolina on August 13, 2022. **NICHOLAS KAMM/GETTY-AFP**

Biden

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likened the agreement to a "mere traffic ticket," adding, "Our system is BROKEN!"

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., compared the outcome to the Trump documents case now heading toward federal court and said, "If you are the president's son, you get a sweetheart deal."

Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, another presidential challenger, used the same term.

The White House counsel's office said simply in a statement that the president and first lady Jill Biden "love their son and support him as he continues to rebuild his life."

Two people familiar with the investigation said the Justice Department would recommend 24 months of probation for the tax charges, meaning Hunter Biden will not face time in prison. But the decision to go along with any deal is up to the judge. The people were not authorized to speak publicly by name and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

He is to plead guilty to failing to pay more than $100,0000 in taxes on over $1.5 million in income in both 2017 and 2018, charges that carry a maximum possible penalty of a year in prison. The back taxes have since been paid, according to a person familiar with the investigation.

The gun charge states that Hunter Biden possessed a handgun, a Colt Cobra .38 Special, for 11 days in October 2018 despite knowing he was a drug user. The rarely filed count carries a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison, but the Justice Department said Hunter Biden had reached a pretrial agreement. This likely means as long as he adheres to the conditions, the case will be wiped from his record.

Christopher Clark, a lawyer for Hunter Biden, said in a statement that it was his understanding that the five-year investigation had now been resolved.

"I know Hunter believes it is important to take responsibility for these mistakes he made during a period of turmoil and addiction in his life," Clark said. "He looks forward to continuing his recovery and moving forward."

The agreement comes as the Justice Department pursues perhaps the most consequential case in its history against Trump, the first former president to face federal criminal charges, in relation to accusations of his mishandling classified documents on his Florida estate. It was filed by a special counsel, appointed by Attorney General Merrick Garland to avoid any potential conflict of interest in the Justice Department.

That indictment has nevertheless brought an onslaught of Republican criticism of "politicization" of the Justice Department. Meanwhile, congressional Republicans continue to pursue their own investigations into nearly every facet of Hunter Biden's business dealings, including foreign payments.

Rep. James Comer, the Republican chairman of the House Oversight Committee, said the younger Biden is "getting away with a slap on the wrist," despite investigations in Congress that GOP lawmakers say show — but have not yet provided evidence of — a pattern of corruption involving the family's financial ties.

Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware, on the other hand, said the case was thoroughly investigated over five years by U.S. Attorney David Weiss, a Delaware prosecutor appointed by Trump.

Resolution of the case, Coons said, "brings to a close a five-year investigation, despite the elaborate conspiracy theories spun by many who believed there would be much more to this."

The Justice Department investigation into the president's son burst into public view in December 2020, one month after the 2020 election, when Hunter Biden revealed that he had received a subpoena as part of the department's scrutiny of his taxes. The subpoena sought information on the younger Biden's business dealings with a number of entities, including a Ukraine gas company on whose board he sat.

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ON JUNE 21 ...

In 1788, the U.S. Constitution took effect when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

In 1834 inventor Cyrus Hall McCormick was granted a patent on his reaping machine.

In 1892 theologian Reinhold Niebuhr was born in Wright City, Mo.

In 1905 existentialist philosopher and writer Jean-Paul Sartre was born in Paris.

In 1912 novelist and critic Mary McCarthy was born in Seattle.

In 1922 actress Judy Holliday was born Judith Tuvim in New York.

In 1932 heavyweight Max Schmeling lost a title fight by decision to Jack Sharkey, prompting Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, to exclaim: "We was robbed!"

In 1945 during World War II, American soldiers on Okinawa found the body of the Japanese commander, Lt. Gen. Mitsuru Ushijima, who had committed suicide.

In 1948 Dr. Peter Goldmark of the Columbia Broadcasting System demonstrated his "long-playing" record, which revolutionized the recording industry.

In 1953 Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistani prime minister, was born in Karachi, Pakistan.

In 1963 Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was chosen to succeed the late Pope John XXIII. (He would take the name Paul VI.)

In 1964 civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney disappeared in Philadelphia, Miss.; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (Seven Ku Klux Klansmen later were convicted of federal civil rights violations in the deaths and sentenced to prison terms ranging from 3 to 10 years; none served more than 6 years.)

In 1973 the Supreme Court ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

In 1977 Menachem Begin became Israel's sixth prime minister.

In 1982 a District of Columbia jury found John Hinckley Jr. innocent by reason of insanity in the shooting of President Ronald Reagan and three others in March 1981. Also in 1982 Britain's Prince William was born in London.

In 1985 scientists announced that skeletal remains exhumed in Brazil were those of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele.

In 1989 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest is protected by the First Amendment.

In 1996 European leaders agreed to gradually lift a global ban on British beef exports imposed nearly three months earlier following a scare over "mad cow" disease.

In 1997 the Women's National Basketball Association made its debut as the New York Liberty defeated the Los Angeles Sparks 67-57.

In 2001 a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted 13 Saudis and a Lebanese in the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 U.S. servicemen. Also in 2001 actor Carroll O'Connor died in Culver City, Calif.; he was 76. Also in 2001 blues musician John Lee Hooker died in Los Altos, Calif.; he was 80.

In 2003 author Leon Uris died in New York; he was 78. Also in 2003 playwright George Axelrod died in Los Angeles; he was 81.

In 2004 Connecticut Gov. John Rowland resigns amid graft allegations and federal investigation. Also in 2004 the SpaceShipOne rocket plane punched through Earth's atmosphere, then glided to a landing in California's Mojave Desert in the first privately financed manned spaceflight.

In 2005 Roman Catholic Cardinal Jaime Sin, one of Asia's top religious leaders, died in Manila, Philippines; he was 76.

In 2008 a ferry carrying more than 800 people capsized as Typhoon Fengshen battered the Philippines; only about four dozen people survived.

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Clary, Jean L

Jean Lucille Clary, 92, of Elk Grove Village, passed away surrounded by her loving family on June 14, 2023. Jean Lucille is survived by her daughter Catherine Carroll and son David (Donna) Clary; grandchildren Michael (Annah) Carroll, Amy Tripp, and Kyle, Brendan, and Jenna Clary, and great grandchildren Dylan and Delilah. She is preceded in death by her loving parents Henry and Lucille Ruge; devoted husband, since 1954, Donald Clary; daughter Linda Jean Clary; great granddaughter Allayna Jean Tripp; brother Donald (Mary) Ruge and sister Mary Anne Buscemi.

She was her IC Catholic High School class Valedictorian, a well-known piano teacher, and played the organ at Queen of the Rosary Parish for 50 years. She was loved and respected by all who were lucky enough to know her.

A visitation will be held Sunday June 25th 3-8pm at **Grove Memorial Chapel** 1199 South Arlington Hts Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL. Funeral Mass Monday, June 26 10am at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament- Queen of the Rosary Parish, 750 W. Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove Village. Please meet at Church. Interment Mt Emblem Cemetery Elmhurst, IL. For info, 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Fox, Marianne L

Marianne L. Fox, long time Hinsdale resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family June 19, 2023. Marianne (Foxy) is the beloved wife of William and loving mother of Laura (Rick) Distler, Sue (Ron) Pircon, Colette (Chuck) Kaufmann, and Dan (Maia) Fox. Grandmother of 13 and Great Grandmother of 5. Marianne was a person of deep faith and a devoted member of the Catholic Church. She dedicated most of her time to her parish, Saint Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale. She enjoyed spending time with friends practicing her faith, playing bridge and gardening. Above all else, Marianne's legacy was her devotion to faith and family. She will be remembered for fun spirit, kindness, grace, and generosity to all who loved her. A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 9am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11am at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Interment will be private. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For more information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Gambacorta, Mary Joan

Mary Joan Gambacorta nee Sheridan, age 82, of Wilmette, IL. Beloved wife of Samuel A. Gambacorta. Loving mother of Samuel (Lisa) Gambacorta, Timothy (Vorawan) Gambacorta, and Meg (Steve) Maris. Proud grandmother of Francesca (Jacob) Gilman, Giovanna Gambacorta, Angelina Gambacorta, and Sam, Jr. Gambacorta; Nicole Gambacorta; Johnny Maris and Joey Maris; Lauren and Brylee Gambacorta-Lutman. Dear sister of the late George (the late Anna) Sheridan and Edward (the late Annie) Sheridan. Visitation Thursday, June 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Saints Joseph & Francis Xavier Parish (St. Joseph Church), 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. To virtually attend the Funeral Mass, visit the obituary page on **donnellanfuneral.com**. Entombment Memorial Park Mausoleum, Skokie, IL. Info: **donnellanfuneral.com** or (847) 675-1990.

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Gold, Robbie Mark

Robbie Mark Gold, 68, President of Travel Center Tours, a most loving kind and gentle man passed away June 14.

Robbie was preceded in death by his loving husband and companion of 40 years Robert Joseph Labianca Gold and his great and wonderful parents Robert and Eunice Gold. He is survived by his adoring brother Jeff Gold, loving maltese doggie Charlotte and caretaker Josue Salonga, dearest cousins Carol Iskowich, David (Susan) Iskowich, Sophia and Annaliese Iskowich, Anne (Carl) Ziech, Charlie and Isabel Ziech, Allen (Marlene) Edelman, Steven Edelman and dearest friends to Patrick and Jean Catania, Jim and Theresa Hofheimer, Jim and Holly Wilson, Alice Koza, Sheila Hart, Michael G, Lucille Schiller, Michael Pavia and Ed Kunzman; plus a very long list of his friends and admirers.

Robbie started working in his parents business Budlong Travel Service in his early teen years. It quickly became apparent that Robbie was a gifted businessman in his own right from front office operations to sales; Robbie blossomed before our very eyes. Robert and Eunice Gold started wholesaling the island of Jamaica in the early 1960's and the company Travel Center Tours was born. Robbie was not satisfied just wholesaling Jamaica so he developed contacts for other island such as Nassau, Puerto Rico, St Thomas and Bermuda.

Eunice Gold suffered a heart attack in 1971 and was one of the first persons in Chicago to undergo a new procedure called open heart surgery; Robbie had been scheduled to begin college however due to his mother's illness, Robbie assumed more responsibility in the business (George Bailey anyone).

Robbie was endlessly curious and read voraciously with particular affinity to Royal History British and Russian, biographies and murder mysteries and spy novels. He leaves behind a ton of books.

Robbie was able to establish Travel Center Tours as a preferred supplier for Delta airlines in the early 1980's and a few years later the corporate agency for the Chicago Board of Trade.

The last 2 years were difficult for Robbie; he started having dizziness and vertigo and fell often; his beloved husband Robert died April 06; then Robbie suffered a fatal fall June 02.

There are lots of Robbie stories for us to tell and share.

Robbie we hope this last trip to heaven to join Bob, Mom, Dad, Ethel and all our relatives is as beautiful and rewarding for you as your Earthly life has been for us.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 27 from 10 am – 12 pm at **Drake and Son Funeral Home**, 5303 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625. A funeral service will be held at 12:15 pm at the Hennig Chapel, Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 North Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Lunch will follow at Calo Ristorante, 5343 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640, parking is available in restaurants lot.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in loving memory of Robbie.

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Handler, Todd

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Todd Steven Handler, 53, beloved son of Burton and Sheila; loving brother of Amy (Jason) Kasallis; cherished uncle of Jonah and Sam; treasured and faithful friend to many. Graveside service 10 AM Friday at Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HUGS at Congregation Beth Shalom (bethshalomnb.org). **To leave condolences and for information; www.shalommemorial.org or 847-255-3520**

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LaPaille, Dolores Adele

Dolores Adele LaPaille, age 96 of Potomac, MD and former longtime resident of Chicago, IL passed away on June 17, 2023. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward Joseph LaPaille (2017) and loving mother of the late former State Senator Gary LaPaille (2022) and his wife Christine Freveletti LaPaille. Devoted grandmother of Joseph LaPaille, his wife Irina, Sam LaPaille, his wife Allison, and Grace LaPaille and loving great grandmother of Olivia LaPaille. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services and entombment will be private. Online condolences may be expressed at: www.PumphreyFuneralHome.com

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Lis, Nancy A

Nancy A. Lis, nee Senase, passed away on June 16, 2023, 33 days shy of her 100th birthday. Beloved wife of the late Thaddeus. Loving mother of Larry Lis, Diane (Hank) Haff, Ted (Cheryl) Lis, and Robert (Eva Marie) Lis. Fond grandmother of Elizabeth, Michael, Ryan, Matthew, Alexa, Kaylee, and Mary Rose. Sister of the late Joseph, Roger, James and Salvatore. Aunt of many. A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 from 3-7pm at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S Madison St., Hinsdale, IL, 60521. Family and friends will meet on Monday, June 26, 2023 for a 10:30am funeral Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 4th and Vine St., Hinsdale, IL, 60521. Entombment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For more information 630-325-2300, www.adolfservices.com, or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Ludden, Margaret Mary

Margaret Mary Ludden, nee Carroll, born on February 7, 1932, and passed peacefully at the age of 91 on June 18, 2023. Margaret was the beloved mother of Thomas J.; loving sister of Helen E. (William G.) O'Brien and the late Jeannette (the late Peter) Ignatowski and the late Thomas J. (the late Kathleen) Carroll; fond aunt of many. Margaret shared her talents with Illinois Bell Telephone and AT&T for over 30 years. She was a wonderful mother, daughter, niece and cousin, and had been a devoted caregiver for her mother Helen, her uncle John Barry, her aunt Hannah Barry and her cousin Neil Barry. She will be sorely missed by all who loved her, but her family is comforted knowing that she has been greeted in heaven by all who predeceased her.

Funeral Saturday, June 24, 2023, friends and family are asked to meet at St. Robert Bellarmine Church 4646 N. Austin Ave., Chicago for a memorial visitation from 9:30 a.m. until Mass 10:30 a.m. The interment will be private. For more information www.cumberlandchapels.com or (708)456-8300.

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Malecka, MD, Katarzyna Maria

December 08, 1965 - June 14, 2023

We are all diminished by the loss of Katarzyna Maria Malecka, known and loved as Kasia, a loving and brilliant wife, mother, doctor and friend to so many. The impact of her life and the loss of her presence will be forever felt. Kasia was born on December 8th, 1965 in Wielun, Poland. With a singular intellect she graduated from the Jagiellonian University Medical School where she met Zbigniew Malecki. Their life together was a cinematic adventure. From backpacking across Europe as college students to moving to the United States and becoming successful doctors to traveling the world with their beautiful children; they fashioned a lovely and complex life.

Kasia's life was eclectic and wonderful, and her accomplishments were varied and impressive. She practiced medicine in Chicago for 30 years. She had a brilliant intellect and a vibrant spirit. Kasia loved the arts, loved to dance, loved to entertain friends, and loved to laugh. She lived her whole life with a radiant passion, but without a doubt she was most passionate and proudest of being the mother to her beloved children Alex, Maya, and Max.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived also by her sister Renata, niece Magda, nephew Filip, and her dear companion Dr. Dan Martin, as well as many magnificent friends and colleagues. Kasia spent her last months with Ziggy, and their children, blanketed with the love, laughter and tenderness that bookended their lives together. Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Polish Catholic Church on 6/24 at 10am (1118 N Noble St, Chicago, IL 60642.) A celebration of life is being planned for later this year. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network: https://secure.pancan.org/site/TR/DIY/DIYTeamraisers?px=3528646&pg=personal&fr_id=2443

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Malkin, Jeanne Randall

Jeanne Randall Malkin, 87, beloved mother of Alan, Harvey (Rachel Cohen), and Ariel (Jonathan Towers), passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 19, 2023. Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Sonia Randall, and her brother, Freddie. Jeanne was the daughter of Russian Jewish immigrants, who moved to Davenport, Iowa, and later Chicago, IL. Unable to afford college at the time, she became a legal secretary. After raising three children with then-husband Michael Schaffner, Jeanne received a BA from the Art Institute of Chicago and a Master's Degree from the University of Chicago. Known as a petite dynamo, Jeanne Malkin turned her considerable talents to fundraising. She was Chairperson of The Chicago International Film Festival, President of the Israel Defense Forces-Chicago Chapter, and a board member of Mt. Sinai Service Club. She gave generously to Have Dreams, a non-profit serving the autism community, and Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She was also recognized as a generous donor to The Lyric Opera, The Jewish United Fund, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. In later years, Jeanne was known for her fine arts consulting business in River North and her wicked swing on the golf course. She had multiple 2nd places wins at her country clubs and a hole-in-one. Her five grandchildren, Ethan, Miles, Alexander, Julian, and Danielle, will miss her. The family would also like to thank Jeanne's faithful caregivers, Tatyana Chernyshova, Lyudmyla Glushko and Szuster Marzenna who nurtured her during her final years, months and weeks.

Funeral service Thursday, June 22, 2:00 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. There will be a shiva gathering Thursday 4-8:00 PM at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe. Donations may be made in Jeanne's memory to the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum, www.ushmm.org. Funeral info: 847-256-5700.

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McCarthy, Daniel Joseph

Daniel Joseph McCarthy, age 87, of Wilmette, IL. Husband of Judith McCarthy nee Bachtell. Father of Erin (Ray Fisher) McCarthy, Monica (Michael) O'Connor, Margot (Doug) Peterson, and Margaret McCarthy. Grandfather of Dan Peterson, Patrick O'Connor, Maria Peterson, Sean O'Connor, Rose Peterson, Julia Peterson, Judith Fisher, Rita McCarthy, Manus McCarthy, Declan O'Connor, and Mason McCarthy. Daniel was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134. He embraced his Irish heritage and was very proud of his dual citizenship. Visitation Thursday, June 22, 2023, 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:30 a.m. at Saints Joseph & Francis Xavier Church, (SFX Campus) 524 9th Street, Wilmette, IL 60091. To virtually attend the Funeral Mass, visit Daniel's obituary page on **donnellanfuneral.com**. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, One North LaSalle Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Info: **donnellanfuneral.com** or (847) 675-1990

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McKean, Mary Eldean

Mary Eldean McKean, née Harrigan, age 91, passed away peacefully on Sunday June 18, 2023 at her home in Elmhurst, Illinois surrounded by family and friends. Beloved wife of sixty-four years of the late Tom; cherished sister of Dorothy; loving mother of Laura (Thasos), Michael, Lise (Didier), Susan, John (Lori) and Brian (Cecilia); devoted grandmother of Kyle, Julien, Andre, Patrick, Faith, Rose, Martha, Elizabeth, and Mary and great-grandmother to Holly, Naomi, Elsie, and Ari; loving aunt of Ned, Dorothy, Meg, and John Phillips; and dear cousin of Lynn Armstrong.

Mary built her life upon the pillars of Faith, Family, and Community. A devout Catholic, she remained an active member of Visitation and Immaculate Conception parishes all her life. Her faith and spiritual friendships grew over many years as a member of the Daughters of St. Francis de Sales Society.

Mary was born in Boston, Massachusetts on August 15, 1931, the first child of Dorothy (née Campbell) and Francis Harrigan. After graduating from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Newton, MA, she enrolled in Simmons College where she became active in student affairs, serving as class president and chairman of the New England Province of the Newman Club Federation. In 1952 she was awarded a scholarship to Harvard University Graduate School of Education, where she earned an MA.

While completing her studies Mary met the love of her life, Tom McKean, in Boston. They started their life together in Long Beach, California while Tom was deployed to Korea as a naval officer. In 1955 they settled in Elmhurst, Illinois where they raised their six children.

Throughout the years Mary contributed to her community through public service. Her active membership in the League of Women Voters provided a gateway to her extensive involvement in civic affairs. In 1973 she was appointed by Governor Dan Walker to the Illinois State Board of Vocational Education and Rehabilitation, serving as Chairman of the Vocational Education Committee. From 1976 to 1985 she served as Treasurer and later President of the Board of Directors of the Suburban Library System, while also Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Elmhurst Public Library Board of Directors. She led the Referendum Committee to secure tax funding for the new library that opened in 2003. From 1988 to 1993 she was on the Board of Commissioners of the Elmhurst Park District during the construction and completion of Courts Plus Fitness Center and the expansion of Wilder Park.

From 1991 to 2001 she served as Executive Vice President of the Initial Board of Directors of the Elmhurst Art Museum. During that time the Mies van der Rohe McCormick House was acquired and construction of the Elmhurst Art Museum was completed. She led the search committee for the Museum Director and the Collection Management Committee to select works for the permanent collection. Today the Elmhurst Art Museum and Public Library sit beautifully within the grounds of the expanded Wilder Park due in part to Mary's vision and leadership.

In her long and fruitful life Mary inspired family, friends, neighbors, and associates with her faith, sincerity, and simple kindness. She is loved and will be profoundly missed.

Visitation on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home, 434 N. York St, Elmhurst, Illinois

Funeral Mass on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Visitation Parish, 779 S. York St Elmhurst, Illinois

Burial Service at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Kentland, Indiana

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Nelson, James Thomas 'Jim'

James "Jim" Nelson, age 66, passed away June 17, 2023. Lovingly known as "Yams", he was the beloved son of Barbara E. (nee Trotter) and the late Joseph A. Nelson Jr. Loving brother of Joe Nelson, John (Siobhan) Nelson, Jeff (Debbie) Nelson, Jill Nelson and Jerry (Heide) Nelson. Cherished uncle to several nieces and nephews. Jim was a proud member of the International Union of Brick Layers and Allied Crafts Local 56 (BAC). A memorial visitation will be held in the Fireside Room at Visitation Catholic Church, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126, on Friday, June 23, 2023, from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial beginning at 10 a.m. Inurnment will be private. Arrangements entrusted to **Elmhurst Community Funeral Home- THE AHLGRIM CHAPEL**. For more info (630)834-3515 or visit www.elmhurstfh.com.

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Smith, Joan E.

Joan Eileen Smith (nee Mannix), age 89, of Prospect Heights, Illinois was born into eternal life on June 18, 2023 at home surrounded by her family. She was born August 4, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois to the late James and Frances (nee Eddy) Mannix. Beloved wife of the late Donald Smith. Treasured mother of Donald Jr. (Cheryl) Smith, Robert (Terry) Smith, Bernadette (Ron) Colmone, Mary Ellen (Barry) Mueller, Joseph (Mary Jayne) Smith. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer (Jake), Jessica (Paul), Brian (Nikki), Colleen, Julianne (Eric), Joe (Kathleen), Erin (Tommy), Patrick (Erin), Danny (Gracie), Katie (Pat), Kyle, Tim, Kevin, Michael, Shannon, Kelly and Ryan. Proud great-grandmother of Ryan, Lincoln, Rowan, Brady, Riley, Taylor, Brooklynn, Dylan, Sawyer, Macie, Logan, Odin, Hayden and Brianna. Dear sister of the late Marian (Russel) Hinz, Betty (John) Quinlisk and James (Therese) Mannix. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews, dear friend to many. Joan grew up in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago, attended All Saints Grade School and St. Patrick Girls' High School. She loved the Chicago White Sox and grew up going to games at Comiskey Park, where she met her husband, Don, in the summer of 1955. They married May 11, 1957 and raised their five children in Niles. Both Joan and Don were active members of St. John Brebeuf Parish. They moved to Prospect Heights where they resided for 29 years. Joan loved daisies, red wine (with ice!), and baseball, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with people she loved. Joan was deeply devoted to her faith. She attended mass daily, and instilled in her family and friends the importance of prayer: "Don't Forget To Pray" - DFTP. Visitation will be held Thursday, June 22, 2023 from 10:00 am until the time of Mass at 11:00 am at St. Thomas Becket Church, 1321 N. Burning Bush Ln., Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Interment to follow in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Joan's name may be made to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls or to Uncle Pete Ministries. Funeral care provided by **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**. For information, please call 847-699-9003.

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Weber, Linda

Linda Weber, age 59, of Lake Bluff, IL passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Saturday, June 17, 2023, with her husband and three daughters by her side. She leaves behind her elegance and grace felt by all who knew her. Linda was the loving wife of 33 years to Richard Weber, and the mother of 3 beautiful daughters, Stephanie, Madeleine, and Allison. She was raised in Haugen, Wisconsin and moved to Chicago to attend college and stayed to raise her beautiful family in Lake Bluff, IL. Linda spent much of her career in banking and was highly respected and dedicated to every challenge she faced. Linda's real passion was her family, and she gave herself-relentlessly. Linda was filled with life and had a fun-loving spirit that emanated in all her words and actions. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, friendships, music, and was the ultimate "foodie", she was ahead her times in so many ways. Linda's marriage to Richard was the ultimate definition of true partnership and soulmates who shared unending love for each other and their family. Linda is survived by her mother, Joanne; her siblings, James, Diane, Margaret, and Julie; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation at Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, from 9 AM until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10 AM, on Saturday June 24, 2023. Interment will be private. In classic Linda Weber fashion, she would have wanted to share the generosity her family has been receiving with others. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Linda's name may be made to Northwestern Memorial Foundation at www.foundation.nm.org or the Church of St. Mary at www.churchofstmary.org. Info - **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com

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Wood, Leslie Ann

Leslie Ann Wood of Niles, IL passed away on June 6, 2023. She was born on April 9,1957, the daughter of Howard (Ruth) and Anita Wood, sister to Linda Wood and Bob Wood (Margo), aunt to Adam Enwiya, Michael Enwiya, Maggie Glasser (Mitch) and Sam Wood (Jenna) and 1 great niece. Donations can be made to Alzheimer's Organization, https://www.alz.org, or the Non-profit Senior Service Association, https://seniorservicesassoc.org. A service will be held on July 22 at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, 219 W. Maple Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048

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Under the Assumed Name of: **Nails By Twist**
with the business located at:
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL, 60477
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Michael Whitaker**
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL , 60477

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File **No. Y23010639** on the **Date: May 31, 2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Kids After 40**
with the business located at:
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL, 60477
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Ronetta Liggett**
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL, 60477

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Under the Assumed Name of: **scsconsulting**
with the business located at:
1231 West Farwell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois, 60626
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Sandra C Small**
1231 West Farwell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois, 60626

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File **No. Y23010666** on the **Date: 06/07/2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **JK-CSHOW**
with the business located at:
7315 w fullerton ave
Elmwood park , Il, 60707
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Francis medrano**
7315 w fullerton ave
Elmwood park , Il, 60707

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File **No. Y23010704** on the **Date: 6/16/23**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Sage Advice Floral**
with the business located at:
1312 West 55th Place
Countryside, IL, 60525-3411
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Trisha Coffey**
1312 West 55th Place
Countryside, IL, 60525-3411

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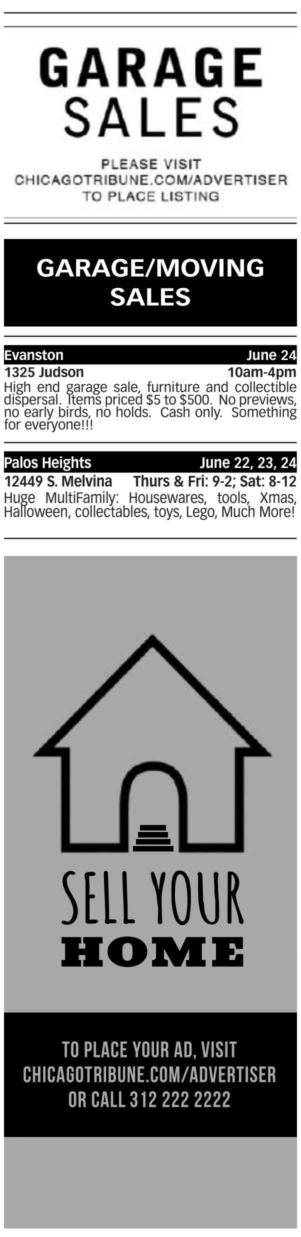
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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Aretha Brooks

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Rosie Brooks (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2023JA00393**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ronald Barry (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 7, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **July 27, 2023**,at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453145

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received for the following by Chicago Transit Authority through Electronic Submission to the Bid Office's E-Procurement Platform no later than 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 to the link below:
https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities
Req No: B21OP04377R,
Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Inspection, Testing, Maintenance and Repair of Fire Alarm Systems throughout the CTA for a period of up to thirty-six (36) months from date of contract execution.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
Questions regarding this Bid must be submitted via Bonfire no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) Monday, June 30, 2023. Questions will not be accepted after this date and time.
For additional information, please contact Sherri Hutcherson, Procurement Administrator, shutcherson@transitchicago.com.
Any contract resulting from this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
The contractor will be required to furnish certified copies of any and all Insurance Policies required in relation to this contract prior to CTA's execution.
Chicago Transit Authority hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
PLEASE NOTE: The right is reserved to accept any bid or any part or parts thereof or to reject any and all bids.
CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
June 21, 2023
6/21/2023 7451852

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Braxtonn Green Braylonn Green

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Loren Green (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2019JA00380 2019JA00381**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Herman Scott (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 20, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **July 17, 2023**, at **11:15 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453129

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Braxtonn Green Braylonn Green

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Loren Green (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2019JA00380 2019JA00381**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Herman Scott (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 20, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **July 17, 2023**, at **11:15 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453134

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

NOTICE OF WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING ADJUSTMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, AND AMENDMENTS TO SPECIAL USE PERMITS
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Winnetka Village Council on THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Winnetka Village Hall at 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:

CASE NO. 23-11-TX
ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING ADJUSTMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, AND AMENDMENTS TO SPECIAL USE PERMITS AND RELATED PROCEDURES

This is an application by the Village Manager of the Village of Winnetka to amend Title 17, Zoning, of the Winnetka Code of Ordinances ("Zoning Ordinance") regarding adjustments, modifications, and amendments to special use permits within the Village of Winnetka and related procedures.

The text amendments under consideration include, without limitation, amendments to several provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. The general purpose of the proposed text amendments is to more clearly define the process and procedures for adjustments, modifications, and amendments to special use permits.

At the public hearing, all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard.

The Village of Winnetka, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, requests that persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting or have questions about the accessibility of the meeting facilities, contact the Village ADA Coordinator at 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois 60093 [Telephone: (847) 716-3543; T.T.Y.: (847) 501-6041].
6/21/2023 7453504

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Genesis Thomas AKA Genesis La'Mya Desiree Thomas

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Deovenna Thomas AKA Deoveonna Thomas (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00424**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 4, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **O'Malley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **July 24, 2023**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **6** COURTROOM **F**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453163

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Business Analyst
(Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: June 9, 2023 through June 23, 2023 **Examination Date:** July 22, 2023 **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Business Analyst Practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, serves as project team member for information technology projects related to business systems and functions. Serves as liaison between business and technical aspects of projects. Prepares project status reports for management. **Salary:** $80,312.96 per year

Budget and Management Analyst
(Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: June 9, 2023 through June 23, 2023. **Examination Date:** July 29, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Budget and Management Analyst practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, performs work in the analysis, preparation, and administration of the annual budget and in the conduct of organization, staffing and methods studies. **Salary:** $80,312.96 per year

Applications can be submitted online **only** at **www.districtjobs.org.** Additional information may be found at **www.districtjobs.org** or call **312-751-5100**.

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Pub: 6/9 thru 6/23/2023 7446483

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IFB No. 422362
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Download the complete details about the solicitation and addenda
At Pace's Website www.pacebus.com
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Solicitation No. 422362
Publish Date: June 21, 2023
Issued by: Pace Deputy Chief Procurement Officer
06/21/2023 7453465

NOTICE OF WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Winnetka Village Council on THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Winnetka Village Hall at 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:
CASE NO. 23-08-TX
ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS TO ESTABLISH AND APPLY A NEW LAKEFRONT PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT
This is an application by the Village Manager of the Village of Winnetka to amend Title 17, Zoning, of the Winnetka Code of Ordinances ("Zoning Ordinance") concerning regulation of certain land, currently publicly owned, along Lake Michigan in Winnetka.
The text amendments under consideration include, without limitation, amendments to several provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. The general purpose of the proposed text amendments is to establish a Lakefront Preservation Overlay District and use regulations for properties located within the new Overlay District.
The map amendments under consideration include, without limitation, amendments to the Village Zoning Map to apply the new Overlay District to certain currently publicly-owned land and commonly referred to as 1) Tower Road Park & Beach: 2) Village of Winnetka Water and Electric Plants; 3) Lloyd Park & Beach; 4) Maple Street Park & Beach; 5) Elder Lane Park & Beach; 6) Centennial Park & Beach; and 7) the following street ends, located east of Sheridan Road (a) Sheridan Road at the ravine; (b) Spruce Street; (c) Elm Street; (d) Oak Street; (e) Cherry Street; and (f) Willow Road.
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6/21/23 7453432

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TO
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

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CONTRACT 23-RFP-15
CONSULTING SERVICES TO DEVELOP AN EXECUTIVE LEVEL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROCESS

Estimated Cost:	$15,000.00	Bid Deposit:	None

Bid Opening: July 21, 2023

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All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et.seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page. **The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.**

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois *June 21, 2023* 7451869

NOTICE
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TO
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

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23-049-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER MISCELLANEOUS WORK GLOVES TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost for Group A:	$ 6,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group A:	None
Estimated Cost for Group B:	$ 5,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group B:	None
Estimated Cost for Group C:	$ 26,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group C:	None
Estimated Cost for Group D:	$ 19,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group D:	None
Total Estimated Cost:	$ 56,000.00	Total Bid Deposit:	None

Bid Opening: July 18, 2023

23-056-11
FURNISH & DELIVER MISCELLANEOUS HARDWARE TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost for Group A:	$ 50,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group A:	None
Estimated Cost for Group B:	$ 23,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group B:	None
Estimated Cost for Group C:	$ 28,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group C:	None
Total Estimated Cost:	$101,000.00	Total Bid Deposit:	None

Bid Opening: July 18, 2023

23-115-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER LABEL PRINTERS, BARCODE SCANNERS, AND ACCESSORIES

Estimated Cost:	$120,000.00	Bid Deposit:	None

Bid Opening: July 11, 2023

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois J*une 21, 2023* 7451433

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INVITATION TO BID
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METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

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21-863-2C
MASTER PLAN FOR SALT CREEK AT FULLERSBURG WOODS

Estimated Cost **BETWEEN**:	$5,709,500.00 to $6,911,500.00	Bid Deposit:	$277,000.00

Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Walkthrough: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 10 am CST at the Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center, 3609 Spring Woods Drive Oak Brook, IL 60523. Completed SV-1 form required to participate in Pre-Bid Walkthrough.
Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference via ZOOM: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 10 am CST.
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix V, Appendix C, Appendix K are required on this Contract. **Attendance for Walkthrough and Zoom are Mandatory Requirements for Bid Submissions.**
Bid Opening: July 25, 2023

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois *June 21, 2023* 7451980

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ABC7 Outlook: A very warm and windy Wednesday!

Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High: 86 Low: 65	High: 82 Low: 64	High: 86 Low: 66	High: 92 Low: 72	High: 90 Low: 68	High: 80 Low: 64
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Hot with partial sunshine	Some sun with a thunderstorm; hot	Variable clouds, a t-storm; not as warm
POP: **0%**	POP: **10%**	POP: **15%**	POP: **10%**	POP: **80%**	POP: **55%**
Winds: **ENE 8-16 mph**	Winds: **ENE 7-14 mph**	Winds: **NE 7-14 mph**	Winds: **SSW 6-12 mph**	Winds: **SW 8-16 mph**	Winds: **WNW 10-20 mph**

CHICAGO FORECAST

Wednesday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	2	5	10	10	5	2	0
RealFeel Temperature®	73	81	88	89	86	82	82

Wednesday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index	8	8	8	6	6	6	6
Fishing Index	6	7	8	6	6	6	6

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Golf and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Tuesday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	**83**
Low	**60**
Normal high	**82**
Normal low	**62**
Record high	**104** (1988)
Record low	**43** (1992)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Tuesday			Normal	
Location	**Hi**	**Lo**	**Hi**	**Lo**
Aurora	86	60	83	60
Gary	72	55	82	61
Kankakee	88	57	83	62
Lansing	79	58	81	61
Midway	84	62	82	64
Romeoville	86	60	83	62
Valparaiso	85	62	84	62
Waukegan	79	57	78	58

Tuesday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Tuesday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.14"
Month to date	1.47"	2.40"	2.80"
Year to date	14.43"	18.33"	17.45"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Tuesday

Pollen as of 6/20

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Moderate	**High**	**Absent**	**High**

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Tuesday's reading

Moderate

Wednesday's forecast

Unhealthy sensitive groups

Primary pollutant **Ozone**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

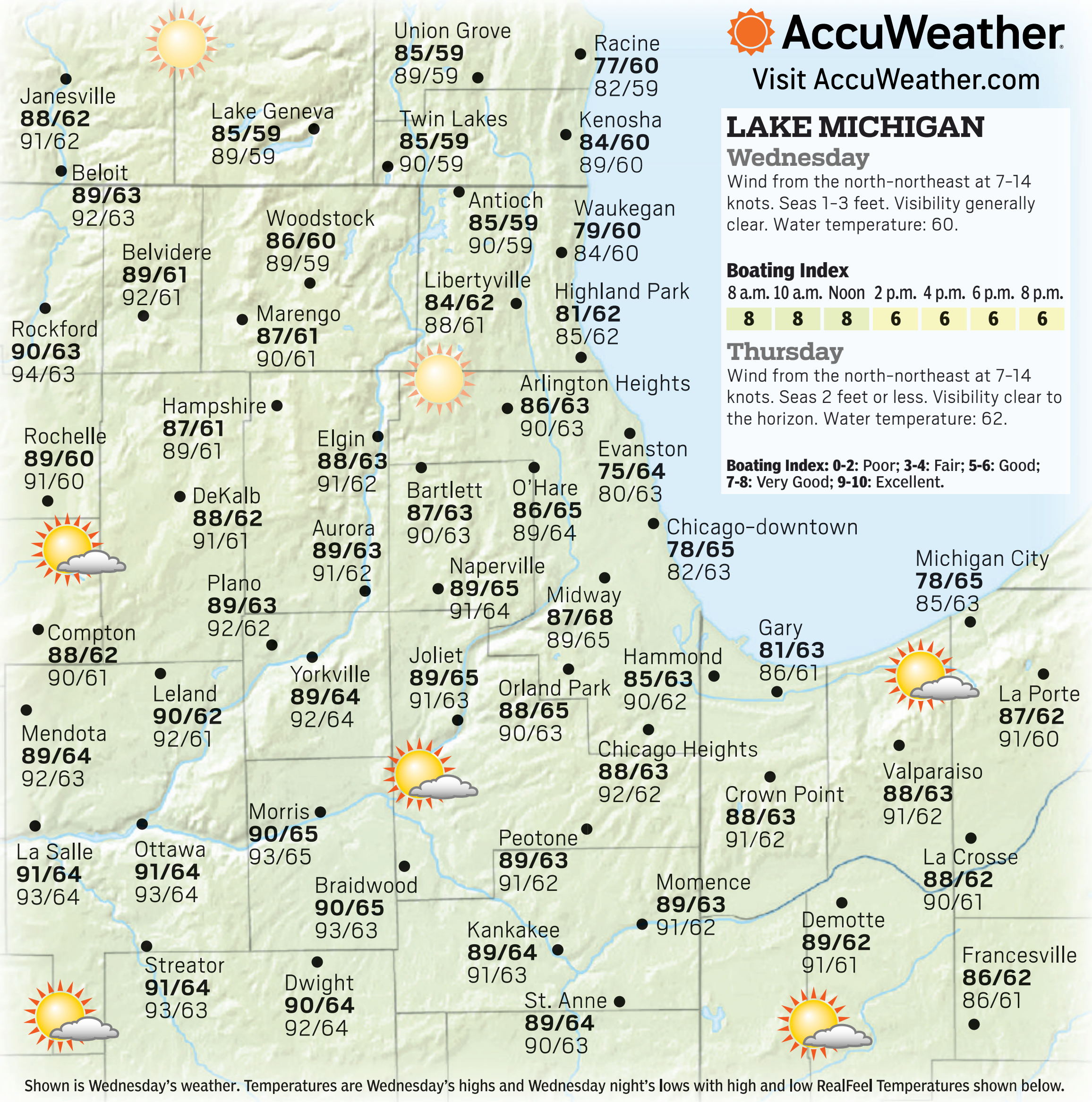
	Wed.	Thu.
Sunrise	**5:15 a.m.**	**5:16 a.m.**
Sunset	**8:29 p.m.**	**8:29 p.m.**
Moonrise	**8:08 a.m.**	**9:11 a.m.**
Moonset	**11:27 p.m.**	**11:52 p.m.**

First	Full	Last	New
Jun 26	Jul 3	Jul 9	Jul 17

Wednesday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	**4:32 a.m.**	**7:35 p.m.**
Venus	**8:49 a.m.**	**11:11 p.m.**
Mars	**9:13 a.m.**	**11:23 p.m.**
Jupiter	**2:24 a.m.**	**4:06 p.m.**
Saturn	**12:06 a.m.**	**10:56 a.m.**

Best viewing times today: Venus: 9 p.m. Mars: 9 p.m. Jupiter: 4:45 a.m. Saturn: 4:45 a.m. Mercury: 5:05 a.m.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Lake Geneva 85/59 89/59
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Waukegan 79/60 84/60
Woodstock 86/60 89/59
Belvidere 89/61 92/61
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Highland Park 81/62 85/62
Marengo 87/61 90/61
Rockford 90/63 94/63
Arlington Heights 86/63 90/63
Hampshire 87/61 89/61
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Elgin 88/63 91/62
Evanston 75/64 80/63
Bartlett 87/63 90/63
O'Hare 86/65 89/64
DeKalb 88/62 91/61
Aurora 89/63 91/62
Chicago-downtown 78/65 82/63
Naperville 89/65 91/64
Michigan City 78/65 85/63
Plano 89/63 92/62
Midway 87/68 89/65
Compton 88/62 90/61
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Kankakee 89/64 91/63
Streator 91/64 93/63
Francesville 86/62 86/61
Dwight 90/64 92/64
St. Anne 89/64 90/63

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Wednesday

Wind from the north-northeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally clear. Water temperature: 60.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
8	8	8	6	6	6	6

Thursday

Wind from the north-northeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 62.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Wednesday's highs and Wednesday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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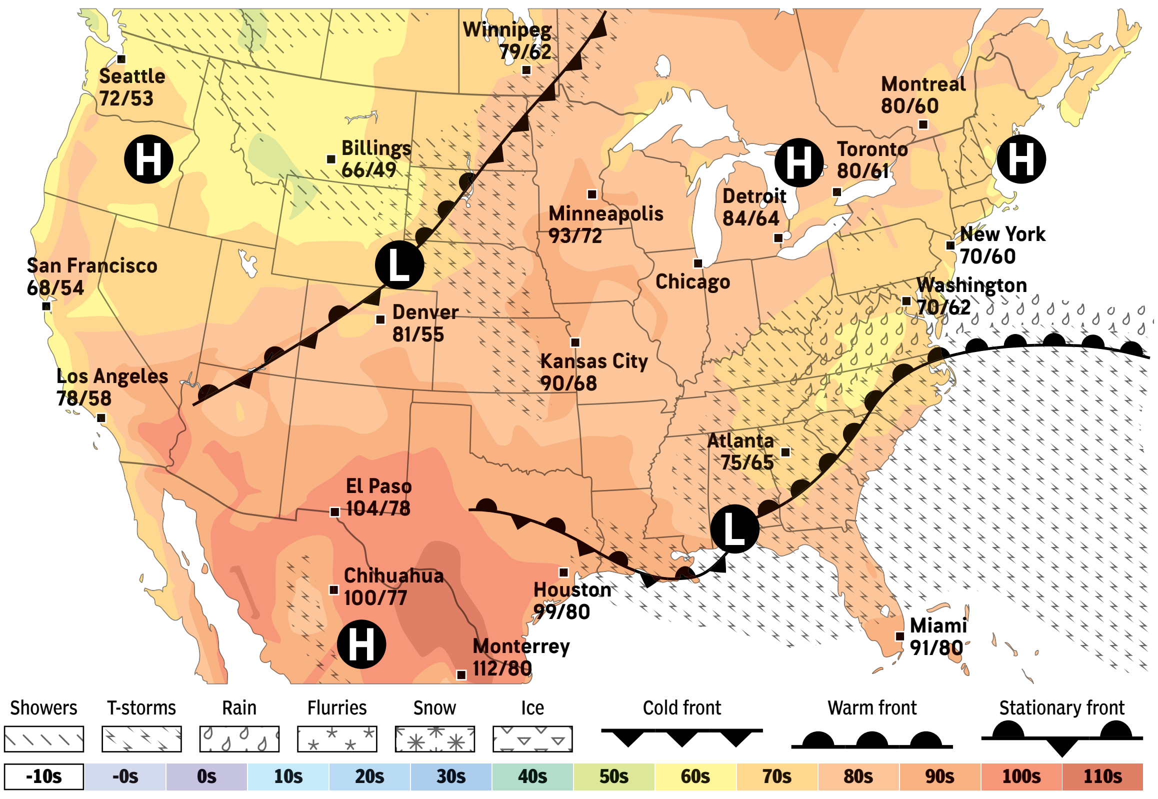
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.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Minneapolis 93/72
New York 70/60
San Francisco 68/54
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Chicago
Washington 70/62
Denver 81/55
Kansas City 90/68
Los Angeles 78/58
Atlanta 75/65
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El Paso 104/78
Chihuahua 100/77
Houston 99/80
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Miami 91/80
Monterrey 112/80
Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice
Cold front
Warm front
Stationary front
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30s
40s
50s
60s
70s
80s
90s
100s
110s

Tracy Butler

QUESTION: Is the Earth farthest from the sun on the summer solstice?
Flavia, Bartlett

ANSWER: Actually, no! The sun is farthest from the Earth during Aphelion. This will occur on July 6 this year. On average, the Earth is about 93 million miles from the sun. During Aphelion, the Earth is approximately more than 94 million miles from the sun. Today, "summer" does officially arrive at 9:57 a.m. CT on our calendar. Looks like summerlike temperatures will fill our forecast for the rest of this week.

Do you have a weather question for the ABC 7 team? Submit them at **abc7chicago.com/weather** or send them to:

Ask ABC 7 Weather Team
190 N. State Street
Chicago, IL 60601

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	86/65/c	85/61/c
Champaign	90/64/s	82/61/pc
Decatur	89/65/s	84/63/c
Moline	90/64/s	89/65/s
Peoria	92/66/s	88/65/pc
Quincy	88/65/s	88/65/c
Rockford	90/63/s	88/61/s
Springfield	90/65/pc	87/63/c
Sterling	89/64/s	87/63/s
Indiana		
Bloomington	81/63/pc	79/62/c
Evansville	81/65/c	82/63/c
Fort Wayne	86/63/s	80/61/pc
Indianapolis	83/65/s	80/63/c
Lafayette	87/63/s	80/61/c
South Bend	89/63/s	82/60/pc
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	88/60/pc	88/58/s
Kenosha	84/60/pc	84/60/s
La Crosse	93/67/s	92/67/s
Madison	87/62/s	88/61/s
Milwaukee	80/63/pc	81/62/s
Wausau	90/62/s	89/62/pc
Michigan		
Detroit	84/64/pc	79/63/c
Grand Rapids	89/63/s	87/62/s
Marquette	85/60/s	86/59/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	84/57/s	85/57/s
Traverse City	90/63/s	87/59/s
Iowa		
Ames	90/65/s	91/66/s
Cedar Rapids	89/64/s	87/65/s
Des Moines	90/67/s	89/67/s
Dubuque	89/64/s	87/65/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	103/73/pc	96/73/t
Albany, NY	80/57/sh	73/62/r
Albuquerque	93/66/c	94/66/s
Amarillo	100/65/t	88/62/t
Anchorage	62/54/sh	62/51/c
Asheville	66/58/r	65/59/t
Aspen	77/43/pc	76/45/pc
Atlanta	75/65/t	76/65/t
Atlantic City	66/63/r	73/66/r
Austin	101/76/s	97/75/c
Baltimore	72/62/pc	74/69/r
Billings	66/49/t	71/55/s
Birmingham	79/67/t	80/65/t
Bismarck	78/62/t	76/60/c
Boise	73/46/s	80/54/s
Boston	67/57/pc	66/60/r
Brownsville	101/83/s	98/82/s
Buffalo	84/60/pc	75/61/pc
Burlington, VT	81/58/pc	82/62/s
Charleston, SC	84/71/t	81/72/t
Charleston, WV	76/59/sh	74/61/t
Charlotte	71/63/t	75/67/t
Chattanooga	75/65/t	74/62/t
Cheyenne	73/54/t	67/53/t
Cincinnati	80/62/sh	74/63/c
Cleveland	82/62/pc	72/64/sh
Colorado Spgs	84/56/t	72/56/t
Columbia, MO	87/66/s	89/66/pc
Columbia, SC	79/67/t	79/68/t
Columbus, OH	83/61/pc	77/63/c
Concord	73/48/pc	76/57/pc
Corpus Christi	99/79/s	95/80/c
Dallas	96/74/pc	93/75/t
Daytona Beach	83/74/t	90/73/t
Denver	81/55/t	76/55/t
Duluth	79/57/s	85/62/pc
El Paso	104/78/pc	105/79/s
Fairbanks	74/56/sh	74/56/sh
Fargo	88/67/t	82/61/t
Flagstaff	77/43/s	77/40/s
Fort Myers	92/77/t	93/77/t
Fort Smith	95/72/s	93/69/s
Fresno	86/57/s	85/56/s
Grand Junction	91/61/pc	92/63/s
Great Falls	66/40/pc	72/48/s
Harrisburg	78/59/pc	68/63/r
Hartford	75/57/pc	69/62/r
Helena, MT	64/41/t	76/49/pc
Honolulu	87/76/sh	88/77/sh
Houston	99/80/t	93/79/t
Int'l Falls	89/67/pc	82/65/t
Jackson, MS	89/68/t	87/65/t
Jacksonville	84/70/t	85/71/t
Juneau	65/53/c	64/52/c
Kansas City	90/68/s	88/68/s
Las Vegas	96/74/s	95/68/s
Lexington	76/61/sh	73/64/sh
Lincoln	91/71/pc	91/66/c
Little Rock	90/70/pc	89/68/pc
Los Angeles	78/58/pc	74/57/pc
Louisville	79/64/sh	78/63/r
Macon	82/68/t	81/67/t
Memphis	88/69/t	88/68/t
Miami	91/80/t	90/80/t
Minneapolis	93/72/s	93/71/s
Mobile	88/70/t	89/72/t
Montgomery	82/69/t	84/67/t
Nashville	80/65/t	75/63/c
New Orleans	91/77/t	91/75/t
New York City	70/60/pc	68/63/r
Norfolk	73/70/sh	78/70/t
Oklahoma City	91/69/t	88/69/s
Omaha	94/70/s	92/69/pc
Orlando	89/73/t	93/74/t
Palm Beach	91/79/t	91/80/t
Palm Springs	99/68/s	94/63/s
Philadelphia	72/60/c	71/66/r
Phoenix	104/77/s	103/73/s
Pittsburgh	79/60/pc	70/60/sh
Portland, ME	68/51/pc	71/55/s
Portland, OR	80/57/pc	87/59/s
Providence	71/56/pc	64/58/r
Raleigh	71/65/t	81/69/t
Rapid City	71/59/t	72/59/c
Reno	76/53/s	73/52/pc
Richmond	69/63/sh	75/66/t
Rochester	81/57/s	72/59/sh
Sacramento	85/54/s	77/53/s
St. Louis	89/68/pc	87/68/pc
Salem, OR	81/54/s	88/56/s
Salt Lake City	77/58/s	83/66/pc
San Antonio	103/78/pc	98/78/t
San Diego	71/62/pc	70/61/pc
San Francisco	68/54/pc	68/58/pc
San Juan	91/79/sh	92/79/t
Santa Fe	88/56/c	90/57/s
Savannah	84/70/t	82/70/t
Seattle	72/53/pc	78/55/s
Shreveport	95/73/pc	94/73/s
Sioux Falls	90/70/pc	88/67/c
Spokane	67/49/pc	75/53/pc
Syracuse	81/56/pc	72/63/sh
Tallahassee	82/70/t	86/70/t
Tampa	86/77/t	91/80/t
Topeka	92/68/s	90/67/pc
Tucson	101/70/s	103/67/s
Tulsa	93/71/s	89/71/s
Washington, DC	70/62/c	72/69/r
Wichita	85/67/r	87/66/pc
Wilkes-Barre	80/58/pc	67/64/r
Yuma	100/71/s	100/65/s

Weather(W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/77/pc	92/77/pc
Algiers	88/69/pc	86/68/s
Amsterdam	75/58/pc	72/58/t
Ankara	74/51/t	76/52/pc
Athens	86/67/s	90/73/s
Auckland	62/54/pc	62/52/r
Baghdad	103/81/pc	107/84/pc
Bangkok	96/80/pc	97/82/s
Barbados	89/79/t	88/79/t
Barcelona	82/71/pc	84/71/pc
Beijing	105/71/pc	105/75/pc
Beirut	83/73/s	84/72/s
Berlin	86/65/t	84/64/c
Bermuda	83/75/t	82/75/c
Bogota	67/49/pc	69/49/t
Brussels	80/60/pc	68/56/t
Bucharest	87/63/pc	90/67/s
Budapest	89/67/c	92/71/pc
Bueno Aires	58/48/c	58/50/c
Cairo	94/71/s	94/73/s
Cancun	91/80/s	89/80/t
Caracas	91/75/t	92/74/pc
Casablanca	83/64/s	84/67/s
Copenhagen	77/58/t	75/61/c
Dublin	70/54/t	68/58/pc
Edmonton	65/39/pc	71/46/pc
Frankfurt	82/65/t	82/62/t
Geneva	86/64/pc	81/62/t
Guadalajara	98/64/s	98/65/s
Havana	94/76/t	90/76/t
Helsinki	85/58/pc	72/56/t
Hong Kong	93/83/t	93/83/t
Istanbul	82/66/s	84/68/s
Jerusalem	83/62/s	85/63/s
Johannesburg	65/43/s	66/41/s
Kabul	96/68/s	100/70/s
Kingston	92/82/pc	93/82/pc
Kyiv	82/61/pc	86/64/pc
Lima	73/66/pc	73/66/s
Lisbon	78/59/pc	84/63/s
London	77/57/pc	78/59/c
Madrid	81/59/pc	88/61/s
Manila	93/80/t	92/80/t
Mexico City	87/59/pc	87/57/s
Monterrey	112/80/s	104/76/s
Montreal	80/60/pc	85/64/s
Moscow	72/50/s	80/57/s
Munich	87/62/t	90/61/t
Nairobi	72/59/c	74/57/r
Nassau	90/79/t	89/80/t
New Delhi	97/84/pc	102/88/pc
Oslo	74/58/t	83/56/pc
Ottawa	83/57/pc	85/63/pc
Panama City	89/76/r	89/75/r
Paris	83/62/t	72/57/t
Prague	85/62/t	87/63/pc
Rio de Janeiro	76/63/s	77/67/pc
Riyadh	109/82/s	110/82/s
Rome	88/65/s	92/67/s
Santiago	62/51/c	61/51/r
Seoul	75/62/r	78/64/pc
Singapore	89/80/t	90/79/t
Sofia	87/59/s	88/61/pc
Stockholm	80/59/pc	78/57/pc
Sydney	62/45/s	63/52/c
Taipei	99/80/pc	97/77/t
Tehran	98/73/s	99/75/s
Tokyo	81/68/pc	75/66/r
Toronto	80/61/pc	75/61/pc
Trinidad	87/77/c	87/77/sh
Vancouver	66/53/pc	72/54/s
Vienna	90/67/c	92/71/pc
Warsaw	86/66/pc	85/64/t
Winnipeg	79/62/t	72/56/t

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NOTICE OF WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Winnetka Village Council on THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Winnetka Village Hall at 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:
CASE NO. 23-10-TX
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A STUDY AND PERMIT ABEYANCE PERIOD FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE STEEP SLOPE ZONE ALONG LAKE MICHIGAN IN THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA
This is an application by the Village Manager of the Village of Winnetka to amend Title 17, Zoning, of the Winnetka Code of Ordinances ("Zoning Ordinance") establishing a study period for construction in the steep slope zone along Lake Michigan Bluffs in the Village and suspending the issuance of building permits during that study period. The general purpose of the proposed amendments is to establish a study period from July 6, 2023 to April 6, 2024 to pause construction activity in the steep slope zone to ensure the Village has time to adequately analyze and adopt any necessary regulations and examine the effects of construction on the Winnetka Bluffs along Lake Michigan. During the study period, the Village will not accept applications for, and will not issue, any permits for any construction within the steep slope zone that requires a permit.
At the public hearing all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard.
The Village of Winnetka, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, requests that persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting or have questions about the accessibility of the meeting facilities, contact the Village ADA Coordinator at 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois 60093 [Telephone: (847) 716-3543; T.T.Y.: (847)501-6041].
6/21/23 7453439

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
JAMES J LOSTION AKA JAMES LOSTION

A MINOR
NO. **2023JD01048**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **JAMES LOSTION (FATHER)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **June 13, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **DAVID HARACZ** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **July 25, 2023** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **61** COURTROOM **6**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF COURT
June 21, 2023

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
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ATTORNEY FOR:
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CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453139

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Janiyah Walton AKA Janiyah Star Walton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Angel Bruce (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA00940**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 7, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **September 19, 2023**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453121

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Layanna Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lateefah Brown (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00610**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Lateefah Brown (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 26, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **O'Malley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **September 5, 2023**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **6** COURTROOM **F**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453156

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Xavier Brooks

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Rosie Brooks (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2023JA00392**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jose Hernandez (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 7, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **July 27, 2023**,at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 21, 2023 7453142

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Zanira Hall

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Latwinkle Mccalley (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00849**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 16, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **August 2, 2023**,at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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June 21, 2023 7453150

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., successor trustee to American National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago u/t/a 33892 dated 1-1-75; Hydraulic Pneumatic Corp. c/o Hank La Barbara; Hank La Barbara; FNA DZ, LLC c/o Greg Reiter; Julie La Barbara; Occupant, 1407 Redeker Road a/k/a 1407 Redeker Avenue, Des Plaines, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001300. FILED: September 9, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 9, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0001345. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 1407 Redeker Road a/k/a 1407 Redeker Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 09-17-200-049-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Iron Mountain Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
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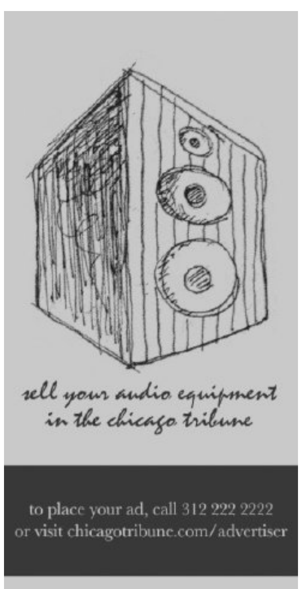
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TO: Christy Nader, executor and sole heir to the Estate of Kenneth Hrubec; Village of Franklin Park Att: Water/Public Works; FNA DZ, LLC c/o Greg Reiter; Village of Franklin Park c/o Village Clerk; Barbara Hrubec; Jeffrey Hrubec; Adam Hrubec; Occupant, 2328 N. 17th Ave., Franklin Park, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001297. FILED: September 9, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 10, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0001313. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 2328 N. 17th Ave., Franklin Park, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-34-101-039-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Archer Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
6/20, 6/21, 6/22/20237444167

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., successor trustee to Suburban National Bank of Palatine u/t/a 5570 dated 11-7-89; Robert W. Dice; BMO Harris Bank of Westchester; PNC Bank, National Association; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; Occupant, 5101 St. Charles Rd, Bellwood, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001395. FILED: October 21, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 9, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0001411. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2005-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 5101 St. Charles Rd, Bellwood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-08-119-001-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 20, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Kevin G. Esquivel, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
6/20, 6/21, 6/22/20237444175

TO: Leszek Kurzac; Margaret Kurzac; Occupant; Les's Tire Shop; Lester Tire Shop, Inc.; Lester Tire Shop, Inc. c/o Alexi Giannoulias Illinois Secretary of State; Lien Unit, State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Internal Revenue Service; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000346 FILED 6/5/2023 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold: 11/10/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0004571 Sold for General Taxes of: 2018 (2017, 2016, 2015 1st, 2014 Included) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3918 W. Division Street, Chicago, Illinois 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-126-034-0000 Vol. 537 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 5, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 5, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 5, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Clark and Randolph, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 6/5/2023
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TO: Robert Gray; Marcella Gray; Illinois Association of Minorities in Government or current occupant/caretaker c/o Loretta Kidd; Internal Revenue Service; United States Attorney; United States Attorney General - U.S. Department of Justice; Joshua Martin, Citizens Law Group, Ltd.; Marilyn O Marshall, Bankruptcy Trustee; Patrick S Layng, U.S. Trustee Office of the U.S. Trustee, Region 11; Capital One Bank, (USA), N.A.; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Occupant, 6549 North Avenue, Oak Park, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001301. FILED: September 9, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 9, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0001371. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2014-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 6549 North Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-06-204-005-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Iron Mountain Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
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TO: Thomas Miroballi, trustee of the Jacquelyn Stepanek Kostial Irrevocable Trust; Jacquelyn Stepanek a/k/a Jacquelyn Stepanek Kostial; Frank Stepanek; True-Line, Inc. c/o Lawrence Frank Kral; Jeffrey Kostial; Schmidt, Salzman & Moran, Ltd. RA: Theodore J. Schmidt; Occupant, 1618 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001359. FILED: September 28, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 9, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 3/2/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0007418. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 1618 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-22-407-030-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 20, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Kevin G. Esquivel, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
6/20, 6/21, 6/22/20237444174

TO: Chong Cha Kim; Janelle Kim; The Huntington National Bank; John Vercillo; Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Su Kim; Illinois Attorney General; Virtual Properties Real Estate Corp. RA: Raafat Arman; Caretaker or Occupant of 7125 Ogden Avenue, Berwyn, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001296. FILED: September 9, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 9, 2023.TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/14/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0000005. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 7125 Ogden Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-31-309-030-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Iron Mountain Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
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TO: 2135 South Corp. c/o Secretary of State - Dissolved Corporations; 2135 South Corp. c/o Nicholas M. Duric a/k/a Nikola Duric; Dragan Radojcic; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; Midtown Properties of Chicago, Ltd. RA: Nicholas M. Duric; Occupant, 6848 S. Anthony Avenue, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001258. FILED: August 30, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 9, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003855. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2007-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 6848 S. Anthony Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-408-013-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Adewer Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor to American National Bank & Trust Company of Chicago, u/t/a 109798-05 dated 11-1-1989; Memoona Contractor; Occupant, 2256 E. 75th St., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001222. FILED: August 24, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. SECOND AMENDED FILED: May 30, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003913. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2011-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 2256 E. 75th St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-25-226-026-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/30/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/15/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/30/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
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TO: SALTA GROUP, INC. (Dissolved corporation) c/o Marshall Atlas; SALTA GROUP, INC.
c/o Secretary of State - Dissolved corporations; CCTMO LLC c/o CT Corporation System; T-Mobile USA Tower LLC c/o Illinois Corporation Service Company; Cook Inlet/Voicestream Operating Co., L.L.C. a/k/a Voicestream GSM I Operating Company, LLC c/o Illinois Corporation Service Company; Illinois Department of Revenue; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Village of South Holland; Illinois Attorney General; Berg Properties, Inc. RA: Scott Berg; Wintrust Bank, National Association; Old National Bank; Taxpayer and Occupant of 9100 S. Wolf Rd., Hinsdale, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001298. FILED: September 9, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 10, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0001339. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2002-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 9100 S. Wolf Rd., Hinsdale, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 23-06-200-088-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Archer Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
6/20, 6/21, 6/22/20237444168

TO: Mazen Diab, Innovative Enterprises Construction, LLC; Chicago Title Land Trust Co., successor to Harris Bank Hinsdale u/t/a L-3099 dated 9/14/1992; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Valerie Wright c/o RE/Max Premier Real Estate, Harold's Chicken, Internal Revenue Service, United States Attorney, United States Attorney General - U.S. Department of Justice; Occupant, 1711 E. 87th Street, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001167. FILED: August 2, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 12, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0004250. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2012-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 1711 E. 87th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-01-101-042-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/30/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/9/2023 at 11:00 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/30/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Kenneth Gilkes, Jr., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
6/20, 6/21, 6/22/20237444177

TO: Alan J. Kubicki, Diana P. Kubicki a/k/a Diane P. Kubicki; D&A Auto Sales, Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State, D&A Auto Sales, Inc. II c/o Illinois Secretary of State Occupant, Unknown Owners and Interested Parties, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001440 FILED 11/3/2022 AMENDED PETITION FILED 6/14/2023 TAKE NOTICE County of: Cook Date Premises Sold: February 15, 2022 Certificate No.: 21S-0001156 Sold for General Taxes of: 2006-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1300 W 127th Street, Calumet Park, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-29-326-067-0000 Vol. 036 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 13, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 13, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 13, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Village of Calumet Park Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 6/14/2023
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6/20, 6/21, 6/22/20237444179

TO: Sher Services Company, Incorporated, manager of dissolved 164th and Dixie Highway, LLC, c/o Joel A. Sher; Alicia Finlay, manager of dissolved 164th and Dixie Highway, LLC; 164th and Dixie Highway, LLC (dissolved LLC); 164th and Dixie Highway, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State – Dissolved LLC'S; Danielle Sher; Erica Sher; Holly Sher; Alecia Staniszewski; Alan Meserow; Nutripack, LLC RA: Brett Sher; Markham Asphalt Company RA: Robert G. Krug; K-Five Construction Corporation RA: Robert G. Krug; K-Five Construction Corporation; Markham Asphalt Company; Occupant, The Southwest Corner of West 163rd Place and Dixie Highway a/k/a 16334 Robey Ave., Markham, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001304. FILED: September 9, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 10, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/18/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003103. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2008-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. The Southwest Corner of West 163rd Place and Dixie Highway a/k/a 16334 Robey Ave., Markham, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-19-308-011-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Archer Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
6/20, 6/21, 6/22/20237444166

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to First National Bank in Chicago Heights u/t/a #406 dated 3/1/1965; Kimberly McCrary a/k/a Kimberly J. Callahan; Heirs to the Estate of Michael McCrary; James D. Miller re: dissolved Miller Cartage, Incorporated; Melinda L. Miller; Hardwood Lumber Corporation c/o Illinois Secretary of State; Taxpayer and Occupant of 201 N. State St., Chicago Heights, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001299. FILED: September 9, 2022. AMENDED FILED: May 10, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/14/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0000023. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2007-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 201 N. State St., Chicago Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-10-300-014-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/3/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Archer Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 31, 2023.
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BUSINESS

Lurie named top children's hospital

Advocate Children's, U. of C. Comer tie for 2nd, according to U.S. News & World Report ranking

By Lisa Schencker
Chicago Tribune

Lurie Children's Hospital is again the No. 1 children's hospital in Illinois, with Advocate Children's Hospital and University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital tying for second place in the state, according to a new U.S. News & World Report ranking.

The report ranked Lurie as the seventh best children's hospital in the Midwest. No Illinois children's hospital has ranked in the top 10 nationally since Lurie last scored a spot there in 2018. U.S. News does not rank children's hospitals nationally beyond the top 10.

"We are proud to once again be recognized as the top pediatric hospital in Illinois by U.S. News & World Report," said Dr. Derek Wheeler, executive vice president and chief clinical officer at Lurie, in a statement. "Our specialty rankings far outrank our peers in Chicago. It is important to keep in mind that with the current ranking methodology, year-to-year fluctuations can easily occur, depending in part on the high acuity and complexity of the patients we serve."

Nine specialties at Lurie ranked among the top 25 nationwide.

U.S. News ranked children's hospitals across the country based on data and answers they provided to a U.S. News survey, as well as surveys of pediatric specialists. Hospitals were judged on measures including mortality, infection rates, clinical resources and compliance with best practices.

This year, U.S. News changed its methodology to put less emphasis on expert opinions and give more weight to hospitals' commitments to equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as best practices.

Nationally, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center was named the top children's hospital in the country, followed by Boston Children's Hospital and Texas Children's Hospital.

The Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital on June 9, 2012, in Chicago. Lurie Children's Hospital is the No. 1 children's hospital in Illinois. **ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE**

In Illinois, Advocate Children's moved up one spot this year, to tie for second best in the state with Comer. Last year, U.S. News ranked Comer second best in the state and Advocate Children's third best.

This year, Advocate Children's and Comer also tied for 20th best in the Midwest, along with three other hospitals. That's up one spot for Advocate Children's and down several places for Comer, which tied for 14th best children's hospital in the Midwest last year.

Comer ranked in the top 50 in the country in one specialty, gastroenterology and GI surgery. Advocate Children's also ranked in the top 50 in one specialty, cardiology and heart surgery.

"We believe today's ratings don't fully capture the exceptional, compassionate and safe medical care provided to children at our facility, said Dr. John Cunningham, physician-in-chief at Comer, in a statement. "We are conducting a comprehensive data review to fully understand our rankings and are committed to advancing all quality improvement efforts."

Advocate Children's Hospital President Mike Farrell sad in a statement that the hospital's doctors, nurses and other employees work together "to provide safe, high-quality care" and, "We are proud that their dedication has led us to be recognized as one of the highest-performing children's hospitals in Illinois."

Each year, a number of organizations rank hospitals, using different methodologies that often produce different results. Hospitals use high marks in their advertising to attract more patients and better compete with other facilities.

Proponents of hospital rankings say they're a valuable tool to help patients choose where to seek care, while critics say they don't paint a full picture or always take important factors into account.

In recent years, some medical and law schools have rebelled against U.S. News' rankings of their institutions, declining to fill out U.S. News surveys. Leaders at University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine decided in January to no longer participate in U.S. News & World Report's medical school rankings.

So far, no Chicago area hospitals have said they plan to withdraw from U.S. News' hospital rankings. Pennsylvania hospital system St. Luke's University Health Network said in May it would no longer participate in U.S. News' hospital rankings, calling them "seriously flawed" in a letter to U.S. News.

Waukegan casino hopes to open sportsbook

Aims to get facility operational by start of the NFL season

By Steve Sadin
For News-Sun

As Circa Sports hones its online gaming platform for Illinois, it hopes to complete its licensing requirements and open its sportsbook at the Temporary by American Place casino in Waukegan by the start of the NFL football season.

Jeff Benson, Circa's director of operations, said in an email he intends to open the sportsbook in Waukegan by late August or early September.

Both American Place owner Full House Resorts and Circa received the necessary approvals from the Illinois Gaming Board Thursday in Chicago to open the sportsbook at the Waukegan casino, adding a new feature to the four-month old gaming facility.

Along with the necessary approvals to add the sportsbook, Alex Stolyar, Full House's senior vice president and chief development officer, said the casino now has additional table games and the staffing to serve them as it completes its fourth month of operation.

The gaming board authorized Full House to operate its temporary facility for three years while it builds its permanent casino with a 20-suite luxury hotel. The board also gave Circa the final nod to take the necessary steps to start both online and live sports betting.

Stolyar said Circa must now get its platform running and tested so gaming board officials can approve it. It does not require a board vote. It will go through a lot of testing. Benson said preparation of the online platform is "on track."

"Online and Retail will be offered simultaneously when (the) launch date is determined," Benson said in the email. "There will be straight bets, prop bets, parlays and future bets."

Located at the west end of the casino, the sportsbook will have 18 television screens for people to watch a variety of athletic events simultaneously. On a given Sunday, all NFL games can be viewed at once. People can integrate the online platform with the live book.

"Patrons can sign up for the online app remotely and or in-person at the retail location which would include the ability for them to make deposits and withdrawals in cash," Benson said.

Benson said the book will include physical ticket writers, kiosks, odds boards and seating, along with the 18 screens. Stolyar said food and beverage service is nearby, but not at the book itself.

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Freshly built R1T trucks move toward the end of the assembly line during 2022, at the Rivian EV plant in Normal. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

EV maker Rivian will join Tesla's charging network

Will include correct ports with connector on vehicles in 2025

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

Electric vehicle maker Rivian said it will follow General Motors and Ford and join Tesla's charging network next year.

The startup truck, SUV and delivery van maker said Tuesday that like GM and Ford, it will include ports with Tesla's connector on future Rivian vehicles starting in 2025. It also will offer an adapter for owners of current Rivian EVs.

It is another domino to fall as the auto industry considers switching to Tesla's connector, which it calls the North American Charging Standard. At present, nearly all automakers other than Tesla use what is called a CCS connector developed with the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Tesla has more direct current fast-charging plugs in the U.S. than any other network, and its stations are in prime locations along freeway travel corridors.

Other automakers also are looking into the switch. On Monday, Stellantis CEO Carlos Tavares said his company's U.S. teams are studying the change and will make a decision in a few weeks.

Bill Borgeson charges his Model S Tesla at a supercharging station in 2019 in Rolling Meadows. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"We right now are evaluating that possibility," Tavares said in a brief interview with Associated Press. "It can have good things and bad things."

He said the good things are being evaluated, and the bad things include dependence on Tesla.

Currently Stellantis, formerly Fiat Chrysler, has no fully electric vehicles on sale in the U.S., but it does sell three plug-in gas-electric hybrids that can go short distances on battery power. The company plans to sell an electric commercial van this year, followed by an electric Ram pickup and other vehicles.

Rivian, whose factory is in downstate Normal, is a relatively small player in the U.S. automotive market, selling just under 30,000 vehicles from 2021 through the first quarter of this year. But the Irvine, California, company is viewed as a key Tesla competitor.

Like GM and Ford, Rivian owners will get access to more than 12,000 Tesla Supercharger plugs. In the U.S., Tesla has 1,797 Supercharger stations and more than 19,000 plugs, according to the Department of Energy.

Since the stations are direct current fast-chargers, they can charge EVs relatively quickly as people travel.

ChargePoint has the biggest charging network in the U.S. with more than 32,000 stations and 55,000 plugs, but most of them are Level 2 chargers that can take up to eight hours to get a battery up to a full charge.

The Energy Department says there are about 54,000 public charging stations nationwide with more than 136,000 plugs. While most are slower Level 2 chargers, the network of DC fast chargers is growing.

Still, industry analysts say there is growing momentum to switch to Tesla's connector to become the standard in the U.S., although vehicles likely will need to be able to use both connectors for a while.

GM and Ford say they're not paying Tesla anything for access to the network, but owners will pay Tesla to charge just like any other charging system.

Rivian said in a statement that in addition to joining Tesla's network, it will continue to expand its own charging system, where it will incorporate Tesla's connector.

Shares of Rivian and Tesla both rose about 4% in midday Tuesday afternoon trading.

Tesla stock is up about 40% since Ford first announced it would join the charging network on May 25.

US housing starts surge most since 2016, exceed all estimates

By Augusta Saraiva
Bloomberg News

Single-family rental houses under construction at the Residences at Rayzor Ranch in Denton, Texas in 2022. **SHAFKAT ANOWAR/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

U.S. housing starts unexpectedly surged in May by the most since 2016 and applications to build increased, suggesting residential construction is on track to help fuel economic growth.

Beginning home construction jumped 21.7% to a 1.63 million annualized rate, the fastest pace in more than a year, according to government data released Tuesday. The pace exceeded all projections in a Bloomberg survey of economists. Single-family homebuilding rose 18.5% to an 11-month high.

Applications to build, a proxy for future construction, climbed 5.2% to an annualized rate of 1.49 million units. Permits for one-family dwellings increased.

The figures corroborate Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's comments last week that the housing market has shown signs of stabilizing. Homebuilders, which are responding to limited inventory in the resale market, have grown more upbeat as demand firms, materials costs retreat and supply-chain pressures ease.

The housing starts data will feed into economists' estimates of home construction's impact on second-quarter gross domestic product. After the report, the Atlanta Fed GDPNow forecast calls for residential investment to add slightly to gross domestic product. Homebuilding last contributed to growth in the first quarter of 2021.

At the same time, elevated mortgage rates are crimping affordability, suggesting limited momentum in housing demand.

The increase in starts from a month earlier was the biggest since October 2016 and reflected gains in three of four U.S. regions. Starts of apartment buildings and other multifamily projects jumped more than 27%.

The number of homes completed increased to a 1.52 million annualized rate. The level of one-family properties under construction were little changed at 695,000.

Existing-home sales data for May will be released on Thursday, while a report on new-home purchases is due next week.

SeaWorld
ABU DHABI

Guests enjoy a roller coaster ride May 26 at the new SeaWorld theme park on Yas Island in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. **NICK ELHAJJ/AP**

SeaWorld's desert makeover

After outcry, company opens orca-free park in UAE, its first venture outside United States

By Nick El Hajj
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. theme park chain SeaWorld, mired in controversy in recent years over its treatment of killer whales and other marine mammals, has opened a massive new aquatic life park in the United Arab Emirates, its first outside the United States.

The $1.2 billion venture with state-owned developer Miral features the world's largest aquarium and a cylindrical LED screen. There are no orcas here, but the park houses animals such as dolphins and seals, whose captivity and training for profit and entertainment purposes are also often criticized as unethical.

The facility, which opened last month, gives the Orlando, Florida-based company a foothold in a fast-growing international tourism destination and the opportunity to continue its rebranding after years of criticism and allegations of animal cruelty.

SeaWorld and Miral declined multiple interview requests from The Associated Press. They also did not answer written questions or grant AP journalists access to the park.

Scrutiny of SeaWorld reached a crescendo following the release of the 2013 documentary "Blackfish." The documentary focused on the life of Tilikum, an orca that killed trainer Dawn Brancheau when he dragged her into a pool at SeaWorld Orlando in 2010. The film implied that orcas become more aggressive in captivity.

The film caused visitor numbers to plummet across SeaWorld's three parks in the United States. SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. later agreed to pay $65 million to settle a lawsuit in which it was accused of misleading investors over the impact the documentary was having on its bottom line.

In the face of mounting criticism, SeaWorld halted its orca breeding program and live performances featuring the whales in 2016. That same year, it announced plans to build a park without orcas in Abu Dhabi.

The company's promotional materials say it is committed to rescuing and rehabilitating animals, and that a full-time staff of veterinarians ensures they are well cared for. Last year, its Orlando theme park opened a facility to care for Florida manatees dying from starvation in their natural habitat. The company says it has raised $17 million to support hundreds of research and conservation projects around the globe.

Steps taken since "Blackfish" have yet to silence some of SeaWorld's critics.

"SeaWorld is part of an industry built on the suffering of intelligent, social beings who are denied everything that's natural and important to them," said Jason Baker, senior vice president of international campaigns at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

For the UAE, home to the futuristic city of Dubai, the arrival of SeaWorld adds yet another major tourist attraction.

The partnership with Miral brings SeaWorld into a larger plan to transform Abu Dhabi's Yas Island into a theme park hub to rival Orlando. The island already boasts a Formula 1 circuit, a water park and a Warner Bros. theme park.

"It's a form of nonoil diversification and soft power," said Christopher Davidson, a former professor of Middle East politics at Durham University in Britain. "Association with big brands like this serves as a ready-made import to the UAE and will automatically translate into increased tourist numbers."

China's central bank cuts key lending rates

By Keith Bradsher
The New York Times

SHANGHAI — China's central bank cut key interest rates Tuesday for loans issued by the state-controlled banking system, in the clearest sign yet of mounting concern in the Chinese government and corporate sector that the country's economy is stalling.

The interest rate cut was small — a tenth of a percentage point for the country's benchmark one-year and five-year interest rates for loans. But because almost all of the country's corporate lending and mortgages are linked to the two rates, the reductions could have some effect on the overall pace of economic growth.

The move by the central bank, the People's Bank of China, puts China at odds with policies in the West. The Federal Reserve spent over a year battling inflation by raising rates before pausing earlier this month. The European Central Bank has also been pushing up interest rates in response to inflation.

But China has the opposite problem: Spending and private-sector investment are so weak that businesses have been vying with one another to cut prices to keep customers. Consumer and producer prices fell for the four months through May.

Investors were underwhelmed by the central bank's rate cuts, with share prices in Hong Kong and Shanghai slipping Tuesday. The rate cut was slightly smaller than many investors had hoped for and provided a reminder that the Chinese economy is struggling.

China's currency, the renminbi, also weakened against the dollar.

In recent months, lower interest rates in China than in the United States have created an incentive for companies and households in China to move their money out of the country, working around China's stringent restrictions on large overseas transfers of funds.

Cutting rates is slow-working medicine for the Chinese economy, said Han Shen Lin, a former deputy general manager for China at Wells Fargo Bank who now teaches finance at New York University in Shanghai.

Gannett sues Google over online ad dispute

By Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

Gannett has filed a civil lawsuit against Google and its parent company Alphabet, claiming that they unlawfully hold monopolies in the advertising technology tools that publishers and advertisers use to buy and sell online ad space.

The largest U.S. newspaper publisher by total daily circulation alleges in the suit that Google controls how publishers sell their ad slots and forces them to sell an increasing amount of ad space to Google at lower prices. This in turn results in less revenue for publishers and Google's ad-tech rivals and more money for Google.

In January the Justice Department and eight states filed an antitrust lawsuit against Google, seeking to shatter its alleged monopoly on the entire ecosystem of online advertising as a hurtful burden to advertisers, consumers and even the federal government. The lawsuit accused the company of unlawfully monopolizing the way ads are served online by excluding competitors.

Gannett CEO Mike Reed, in an opinion piece published Tuesday by Gannett-owned USA Today, said that the company is looking to "restore fair competition in a digital advertising marketplace that Google has demolished."

Reed claims that local news outlets are hurting because of unlawful bid-rigging practices used by Google.

"These claims are simply wrong. Publishers have many options to choose from when it comes to using advertising technology to monetize — in fact, Gannett uses dozens of competing ad services, including Google Ad Manager," Dan Taylor, vice president of Google Ads, said in a statement. "And when publishers choose to use Google tools, they keep the vast majority of revenue."

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Watchdogs urge AI investigation

LONDON — European Union consumer protection groups urged regulators Tuesday to investigate the type of artificial intelligence underpinning systems like ChatGPT, citing risks that leave people vulnerable and the delay before the bloc's groundbreaking AI regulations take effect.

In a coordinated effort, 13 watchdog groups wrote to their national consumer, data protection, competition and product safety authorities warning them about a range of concerns around generative artificial intelligence.

A trans-Atlantic coalition of consumer groups also wrote to President Joe Biden asking him to take action to protect consumers from possible harms caused by generative AI.

Ghosn files suit against Nissan

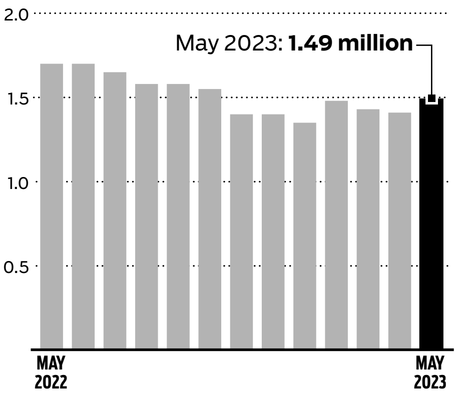
BEIRUT — Auto tycoon Carlos Ghosn has filed a $1 billion lawsuit in Beirut against Nissan and about a dozen individuals over his imprisonment in Japan and what he says is misinformation spread against him, Lebanese officials said Tuesday.

They said Ghosn's lawsuit accuses Nissan and the individuals of defamation and of "fabricating charges" against him, which eventually put him behind bars in Japan before he escaped to Lebanon. The suit was filed in May, said the officials, who did not identify the individuals Ghosn is accusing.

Ghosn was arrested in Japan in November 2018 on charges including misusing company assets for personal gain and violating securities laws by not fully disclosing his compensation.

New residential construction

New housing unit permits authorized, in millions



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More states support child tax credits after federal trial ends

By Dana Goldstein
The New York Times

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., advocates renewing the federal child tax credit at a Dec. 7, 2022, rally in Washington. The effort ultimately failed. **HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

For a brief period during the coronavirus pandemic, the federal government gave most parents monthly cash — up to $300 per child — with no work requirements or restrictions on how the money could be spent.

The experiment, through an expanded child tax credit, died last year after 12 months, when Republicans and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., refused to renew it.

But a growing number of states are moving forward with their own programs, often with Republican support.

This month, Colorado became the ninth state in two years to guarantee some form of cash income to its poorest parents. The law, which passed with bipartisan support, will be the second most generous in the country, providing parents making less than $35,000 per year with up to $1,200 annually for each child younger than 6.

Minnesota's program, which became law last month, is the most generous, guaranteeing families earning $35,000 or less with up to $1,750 in cash annually for each child younger than 17.

"Focusing on child welfare and supporting families has been a really big selling point" across the aisle, said Halah Ahmad, vice president at the Jain Family Institute, a think tank that supports guaranteed income and worked with Colorado lawmakers to craft the new program.

State child tax credits are far smaller than the federal benefit was, and are unlikely to drastically remake any household's budget. At least initially, most will be paid annually rather than monthly, making them potentially less useful in day-to-day spending decisions.

Still, supporters of the programs say they will create an important precedent, and test the theory that government can expand cash support to families without discouraging parents from working outside the home — a longtime political and economic concern.

It was in response to that concern that in 1996, President Bill Clinton remade federal welfare by tying work requirements to cash support for single mothers. But the pandemic, inflation and child care shortages have prompted some lawmakers to reconsider that model.

New York, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont and New Mexico have also passed guaranteed-income child tax credits over the past two years, with cash payments ranging from $25 to $1,083 annually per child.

The policies, most popular with Democrats, have won over about one-third of Republican state legislators, according to an analysis by the Jain Family Institute. That is in stark contrast to congressional Republicans, who have coalesced around the idea that child tax credits should be attached to work requirements.

State Sen. Janice Rich, R-Colo., who represents parts of the rural Western Slope, said co-sponsoring the legislation was an easy call, since it would help families that are struggling with inflation in housing, child care and energy costs.

"I can't help what the federal government decides," she said, referencing Republicans in Congress who opposed making the expanded federal tax credit permanent. "It seemed like the right thing to do for Colorado families."

Rich noted that other early childhood issues, too, had been bipartisan winners in the Colorado Legislature, such as efforts to increase access to pre-K and affordable child care.

Still, there is significant debate on expanding child tax credits, for lawmakers in both parties.

In Montana this year, a coalition of Democrats and conservative Republicans killed an effort by GOP Gov. Greg Gianforte to provide $1,200 annually per child for families earning up to $50,000.

Some lawmakers prefer public dollars to be spent on established child care programs, while others continue to be concerned that cash payments will discourage work.

Meta plans to draw preteens into VR with Quest headset

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

The corporate parent of Facebook and Instagram plans to open a digital gateway for kids as young as 10 years old to enter virtual reality through the Meta Quest headset, despite rising concerns about children spending too much time on social media.

Meta Platforms, which oversees a social media empire created by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, disclosed in a blog post last week that it will lower the minimum age for a Quest account from 13 years old to 10 years old.

The Menlo Park, California, company framed the change coming later this year as a family-friendly way for more people to explore artificial realms that Zuckerberg touts as the "metaverse."

The move to lure preteens into a virtual world filled with digital avatars and other technological fabrications comes just weeks after U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called upon tech companies and lawmakers to take steps to protect children from the potentially harmful mental and emotional effects of too much exposure to social media.

Both Facebook and Instagram for years have been under fire for using tactics that get kids hooked on social media at a young age, undercutting their real-life relationships with friends and families while exposing them to the risk of online bullying and abuse by sexual predators.

In its blog post, Meta said that parents will retain control over their children's accounts for the Quest 2 and Quest 3 headsets and promised that preteen access will be limited to "age-appropriate" apps deploying virtual reality, or VR. Preteens won't be able to have a Quest account without explicit approval from their parents and all apps used on the platform will require parental consent, too, the company said.

Other safeguards will include setting all preteen accounts to a private setting by default and a pledge not to show any ads that generate most of Meta's revenue.

The company also is providing parents with extensive guidance when assessing whether they should allow a 10- to 12-year-old to use a virtual reality headset. One section of the guide cites "a growing body of research examining the positive effects of VR in medical/clinical contexts, including interventions to support the development of social competence skills, to distract from painful or anxiety-inducing medical procedures, and to support specific skill development in specialized populations," such as children with cerebral palsy.

The metaverse so far has mostly been a digital ghost town, even though millions of Quest headsets have been sold. The Meta division that oversees the Quest headset and metaverse lost $13.7 billion last year while bringing in $2.2 billion in revenue.

Meta also is facing new competition from Apple, which last week unveiled a headset called Vision Pro that's capable of thrusting users into virtual settings too. The high-end headset, priced at $3,500, received enthusiastic responses in carefully staged demos, but it won't be in stores until some time early next year.

Casino

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Gamblers need not interrupt time at a slot machine or a blackjack table to make a bet.

Stolyar said they can place the sports bet while they play another one of the games at the casino.

"This will give us one more attraction for people," Stolyar said "It will bring added excitement, especially on game days. It will help make it a more extensive gaming and entertainment destination."

With plans by Bally's to open a temporary casino in Chicago in August, Stolyar said he is not concerned about that facility drawing customers away from The Temporary by American Place.

"We do not see them as competition," he said. "Our direct competition is Rivers (in Des Plaines) and Potawatomi (in Milwaukee). There's a lot of room for all of us. We'll all do well."

Since the casino opened in February, Stolyar said its staffing issues — which limited the number of table games that could operate — are resolved. Licensed to have 50, the operation opened with 28. Now there are 44.

Though Stolyar said he is not sure when the casino will be operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it remains open continually through the weekends, closing for four hours daily during the week.

"Everything continues to improve," Stolyar said. "We're pretty excited."

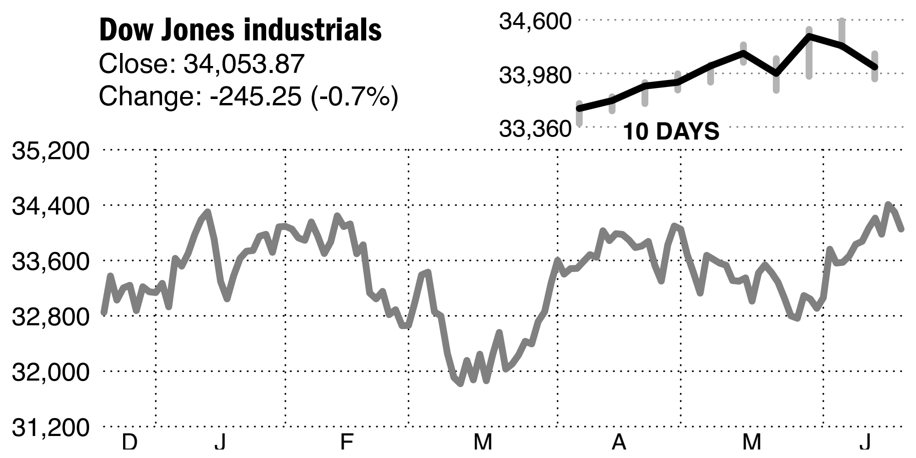
After opening at 8 a.m. on Fridays, the casino remains operating nonstop until 4 a.m. Mondays. On Mondays through Thursdays, it is open from 8 a.m. to the following 4 a.m.

While gamblers take their chances with the slot machines and table games at the temporary casino, Stolyar said the company continues to design the permanent facility which he hopes will be open within three years. The overall project is estimated to cost $500 million.

Chicago Tribune reporter Robert Channick contributed to this story.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow **High: 34,206.66** **Low: 33,915.93** **Previous: 34,299.12**



Nasdaq

↘ **-22.28** *(-.16%)*

Close	13,667.29
High	13,711.18
Low	13,561.84
Previous	13,689.57

S&P 500

↘ **-20.88** *(-.47%)*

Close	4,388.71
High	4,400.15
Low	4,367.19
Previous	4,409.59

Russell 2000

↘ **-8.77** *(-.47%)*

Close	1,866.70
High	1,871.49
Low	1,856.20
Previous	1,875.47

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↘	↘	↘	↗	↘
-.05	**-22.90**	**-.59**	**+.0001**	**-1.28**
to 3.72%	to $1,935.50	to 141.37/$1	to .9160/$1	to $70.50

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
-.46	+.69	+.45
↘	↗	↗

30-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+3.02	+8.81	+5.86
↗	↗	↗

1-year % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+11.54	+23.47	+16.57
↗	↗	↗

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 23	687	700	676.25	695.75	+7.75
		Sep 23	701.50	713.25	689.25	708.75	+7.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 23	640.75	647	635.50	643.75	+3.50
		Sep 23	595.25	604.50	585.25	593	-1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 23	1472.75	1489.25	1459.75	1477.25	+10.75
		Aug 23	1413.25	1422.25	1395.25	1408.25	+.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 23	59.95	60.06	58.76	59.63	-.06
		Aug 23	59.00	59.16	57.77	58.73	-.03
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 23	418.90	423.60	411.10	412.80	-3.60
		Aug 23	415.60	420.60	408.20	410.10	-3.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 23	71.45	72.09	69.65	70.50	-1.28
		Aug 23	71.69	72.38	69.76	71.19	-.74
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Jul 23	2.629	2.696	2.487	2.492	-.140
		Aug 23	2.720	2.783	2.565	2.570	-.151
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 23	2.6671	2.6799	2.5690	2.6092	-.0713
		Aug 23	2.5788	2.5845	2.4855	2.5199	-.0686

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	106.70	+.50
AbbVie Inc	N	137.82	-.82
Allstate Corp	N	108.61	-2.56
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.71	-1.44
Arch Dan Mid	N	74.08	-1.40
Baxter Intl	N	44.94	-.42
Boeing Co	N	212.37	-7.62
Brunswick Corp	N	83.86	-1.85
CBOE Global Markets	N	136.88	-.48
CCC Intellig Solut	O	10.80	-.10
CDW Corp	O	177.30	-.85
CF Industries	N	71.75	+.48
CME Group	O	182.69	-1.42
CNA Financial	N	38.35	-.16
Caterpillar Inc	N	241.15	-4.12
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	34.24	-.40
Deere Co	N	407.98	+.35
Discover Fin Svcs	N	115.53	+.21
Dover Corp	N	143.43	-4.30
Envestnet Inc	N	55.05	-.13
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	68.21	-.49
Equity Residential	N	66.04	-.68
Exelon Corp	O	40.74	-.47
Federal Signal	N	62.06	-.17
First Indl RT	N	52.39	-.47
Fortune Brands Innov	N	67.38	+.39
GATX	N	124.81	-.19
Gallagher AJ	N	211.64	-2.14
Grainger WW	N	730.68	-1.75
Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	109.42	-3.75
IDEX Corp	N	205.14	-4.61
ITW	N	244.06	-3.93
Ingredion Inc	N	105.13	-1.56
John Bean Technol	N	122.56	+3.14
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	148.00	-3.02
Kemper Corp	N	47.49	+1.66
Kraft Heinz Co	O	36.62	-.37
LKQ Corporation	O	54.21	-.02
Littelfuse Inc	O	278.83	+7.05
McDonalds Corp	N	293.04	-.66
Middleby Corp	O	143.42	-1.14
Mondelez Intl	O	73.26	-.31
Morningstar Inc	O	203.52	-2.51
Motorola Solutions	N	279.11	-1.14
NiSource Inc	N	27.22	-.16
Nthn Trust Cp	O	73.41	-1.30
Old Republic	N	24.57	-.34
Packaging Corp Am	N	131.68	-.74
Paylocity Hldg	O	188.51	+3.53
RLI Corp	N	129.86	-2.36
Ryan Specialty Group	N	43.06	+.09
Stericycle Inc	O	45.60	-.68
TransUnion	N	74.81	-.66
US Foods Holding	N	42.25	+.60
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	447.09	-.82
United Airlines Hldg	O	52.70	-.80
Ventas Inc	N	45.42	-.66
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	32.39	-.28
Wintrust Financial	O	69.61	-.50
Zebra Tech	O	277.55	-4.85

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Virgin Galactic Hldg	6.01	+1.28
Palantir Technol	15.79	-.51
Ford Motor	14.22	-.20
Bank of America	28.87	-.32
Carnival Corp	15.90	+.10
AT&T Inc	15.78	-.28
Owlet Inc	.35	+.10
Nu Holdings Ltd	7.68	+.14
Pfizer Inc	39.34	-.72
Petrobras	14.23	+.33
Vale SA	14.05	-.39
Unity Software Inc	40.01	-2.55
Carvana Co A	23.52	-1.80
Alibaba Group Hldg	87.93	-4.17
Transocean Ltd	6.24	+.01
Snap Inc A	10.58	-.10
Itau Unibanco Hldg	5.98	+.08
PG&E Corp	16.87	-.53
Uber Technologies	42.17	-1.35
Lumen Technologies	2.11	-.14
US Bancorp	33.58	+.13
Hewlett Pack Ent	17.01	-.56
WeWork Inc	.22	-.02
Sthwstn Energy	5.44	-.11

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.16	-.07
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.28	-.17
Tesla Inc	274.45	+13.91
Evelo Biosciences	.18	+.06
Ideanomics Inc	.10	+.02
VCI Global Ltd	7.25	+4.42
Marathon Digital Hld	11.72	+1.74
Nikola Corp	1.32	+.13
Intel Corp	35.00	-1.37
Adv Micro Dev	118.93	-1.15
Amazon.com Inc	125.78	+.29
Apple Inc	185.01	+.09
SoFi Technologies	8.59	-.01
Nvidia Corporation	438.08	+11.16
EBET Inc	.18	-.01
Rivian Automotive A	15.70	+.82
Opendoor Technol	3.07	+.06
DICE Therapeutics	46.44	+12.59
Lucid Group Inc	6.32	-.16
PayPal Holdings	68.89	+2.46
Warner Bros Disc A	12.19	-.61
T2 Biosystems	.08	-.01
Riot Blockchain Inc	11.25	+.85
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	3.75	-.19

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3240.37	-15.4/-.5
Stoxx600	459.44	-2.6/-.6
Nikkei	33388.91	-317.2/-.9
MSCI-EAFE	2142.78	-31.4/-1.5
Bovespa	119622.40	+864.0/+.7
FTSE 100	7569.31	-19.2/-.3
CAC-40	7294.17	-19.9/-.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	123.85	-.21
Alphabet Inc A	123.10	-.43
Amazon.com Inc	125.78	+.29
Apple Inc	185.01	+.09
Berkshire Hath B	338.67	+.36
Broadcom Inc	868.03	-.08
Eli Lilly	451.95	+4.24
Exxon Mobil Corp	102.72	-2.41
JPMorgan Chase	142.53	-.73
Johnson & Johnson	164.13	-.10
Meta Platforms Inc	284.33	+3.33
Microsoft Corp	338.05	-4.28
Novo Nordisk AS	161.67	+.38
Nvidia Corporation	438.08	+11.16
Taiwan Semicon	103.98	-.59
Tesla Inc	274.45	+13.91
Unitedhealth Group	469.39	+10.90
Visa Inc	226.47	-2.44
WalMart Strs	154.16	-1.37

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	5.14	5.09
6-month disc	5.18	5.12
2-year	4.69	4.72
10-year	3.72	3.77
30-year	3.81	3.86

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1935.50	$1958.40
Silver	$23.193	$24.076
Platinum	$968.00	$987.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	8.25
Discount Rate Primary	5.75
Fed Funds Target	5.00-5.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.54

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	249.3144
Australia (Dollar)	1.4734
Brazil (Real)	4.7898
Britain (Pound)	.7837
Canada (Dollar)	1.3232
China (Yuan)	7.1819
Euro	.9160
India (Rupee)	81.967
Israel (Shekel)	3.6168
Japan (Yen)	141.37
Mexico (Peso)	17.2130
Poland (Zloty)	4.07
So. Korea (Won)	1289.49
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.95
Thailand (Baht)	34.82

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	30.28	-.11	+10.0
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.12	-.36	+10.9
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	57.04	-.45	+18.9
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.17	-.40	+8.7
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	66.78	-.42	+20.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	60.03	-.16	+23.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.69	-.16	+7.1
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	46.72	-.32	+22.5
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	55.05	-.40	+20.8
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.52	-.40	+15.7
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.73	+.02	+1.1
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.48	+.02	+2.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	47.43	-.50	+14.7
Dodge & Cox StkI	224.56	-1.88	+12.7
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	152.81	-.73	+21.5
Fidelity BCGrowth	154.40	-.04	+33.5
Fidelity Contrafund	14.72	-.01	+25.9
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.61	-.19	+14.3
Fidelity GroCo	30.20	+.07	+35.2
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	46.22	-.56	+20.7
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	9.99	+.02	+1.7
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	121.22	-.61	+20.6
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.30	+.01	+.6
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.13	+.02	+.3
PIMCO IncInstl	10.44	+.01	+5.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.52	...	+.6
Schwab SP500Idx	68.02	...	+22.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	406.32	-1.93	+21.4
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	43.10	-.08	+12.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.87	-.25	+13.3
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	83.13	-.85	+11.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	143.78	-.28	+29.4
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.36	-.40	+21.1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.48	+.01	+4.1
Vanguard InsIdxIns	367.62	-1.75	+21.5
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	367.62	-1.75	+21.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	102.50	-1.71	+17.2
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	267.28	-2.34	+14.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	152.20	-1.10	+23.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.01	+.01	+2.4
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	93.83	-.62	+15.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	27.09	-.06	+8.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	18.03	-.07	+10.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	34.20	-.15	+11.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	21.24	-.11	+12.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	37.57	-.22	+14.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	25.39	-.17	+15.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	42.21	-.30	+16.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	47.09	-.34	+16.3
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.88	-.01	+5.8
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.59	+.02	+.6
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.59	+.02	+.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.20	-.40	+13.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	120.76	-1.62	+13.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.06	-.24	+13.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	106.18	-.53	+20.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	106.20	-.53	+20.7
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	70.17	-.30	+12.4
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Trump's trial set to start Aug. 14

But judge's timeline in docs case likely to be pushed back

By Alan Feuer, Maggie Haberman and Charlie Savage
The New York Times

The federal judge presiding over the prosecution of former President Donald Trump in the classified documents case set an aggressive schedule Tuesday, ordering a trial to begin as soon as Aug. 14.

The timeline set by Judge Aileen Cannon is likely to be delayed by extensive pretrial litigation — including over how to handle classified material — and its brisk pace seems in keeping with a schedule set under the Speedy Trial Act. In each of four other criminal trials the judge has overseen that were identified in a New York Times review, she has initially set a relatively quick trial date and later pushed it back.

The early moves by Cannon, a relatively inexperienced jurist who was appointed by Trump in 2020, are being particularly closely watched. She disrupted the documents investigation last year with several rulings favorable to the former president before a conservative appeals court overturned her, saying she never had legitimate legal authority to intervene.

Brandon Van Grack, a former federal prosecutor who has worked on complex criminal matters involving national security, said the trial date is "unlikely to hold" considering that the process of turning over classified evidence to the defense in discovery had not yet begun. Still, he said, Cannon appeared to be showing that she intended to do what she could to push the case to trial quickly.

The federal trial against former President Donald Trump will be held in Fort Pierce, Fla. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

"It signals that the court is at least trying to do everything it can to move the case along and that it's important that the case proceed quickly," Van Grack said. "Even though it's unlikely to hold, it's at least a positive signal — positive in the sense that all parties and the public should want this case to proceed as quickly as possible."

But it is not clear that the defense wants the case to proceed quickly. Trump's strategy in legal matters has long been to delay them, and the federal case against him is unlikely to be an exception. If a trial extends past the 2024 election and Trump wins the race, he could, in theory, try to pardon himself — or he could direct his attorney general to drop the charges and wipe out the case.

In public remarks after the indictment against Trump and one of his aides, Walt Nauta, was filed two weeks ago in U.S. District Court in Miami, the special counsel, Jack Smith, who oversaw the investigation, said he wanted a speedy trial.

The schedule that Cannon set in her order Tuesday clearly does that, requesting that all pretrial motions be filed by July 24.

She also ruled that the trial — and all the hearings in the case — will be held at her home courthouse in Fort Pierce, Florida, a small town in the northern portion of the Southern District of Florida. Trump's arraignment was held in the federal courthouse in Miami.

Pretrial proceedings in the case are highly unlikely to be done by August. Legal experts have identified a series of complicated matters that Cannon, the defense and the prosecution will have to work through before the matter is ready to go in front of a jury.

For one thing, following Cannon's orders, Trump's lawyers started the process of obtaining the security clearances needed to deal with the significant classified evidence issues in the case only last week. The background check process to obtain the clearances can take months.

Trump's legal team is also still in flux.

Nauta's lawyer, Stanley Woodward, is still interviewing Florida-based lawyers to assist him with the case. He expects to have someone in place when Nauta is arraigned next week.

Beyond the array of legal tactics Trump's lawyers may use to attack the validity of the charges against him, the parties in the case will also have to engage in significant closed-door litigation over how to handle the classified evidence at the heart of the government's prosecution. Trump has been accused of illegally holding on to 31 individual national defense documents, many of which were marked as top secret.

Much of the secret litigation will take place under the aegis of the Classified Information Procedures Act. If the government does not agree with any of Cannon's rulings involving the act, it can pause pretrial proceedings and appeal to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Atlanta. (The defense would have to wait until after any conviction to appeal an evidentiary issue under the act.)

Trump's lawyers are expected to file a battery of pretrial motions, including one claiming that he is being selectively prosecuted while other public officials investigated for mishandling classified material — chief among them, Hillary Clinton — did not face charges.

Trump's legal team may also file motions accusing prosecutors of various types of misconduct or seeking to suppress audio notes by one of his lawyers, which the government obtained before the indictment and was filed by piercing the traditional protections of attorney-client privilege.

Depending on how seriously Cannon considers the claims made in those filings, she could order additional briefs, attestations and hearings, further slowing down the process.

The preliminary court calendar underscores how Trump's decision to press ahead with his political campaign could affect the broader presidential primary race. The first Republican debate is scheduled for Aug. 23 in Milwaukee. Trump has not said whether he is attending.

Coast Guard search yields no sign of lost Titanic sub

Oxygen running out for 5 on way down to famous shipwreck

By Ben Finley and Holly Ramer
Associated Press

In a race against the clock on the high seas, an expanding international armada of ships and airplanes searched Tuesday for a submersible that vanished in the North Atlantic while taking five people down to the wreck of the Titanic.

Despite an international rescue effort, U.S. Coast Guard officials said the search covering 10,000 square miles had turned up no sign of the lost sub known as the Titan, but they planned to continue looking.

"This is a very complex search, and the unified team is working around the clock," Capt. Jamie Frederick of the First Coast Guard District in Boston told a news conference.

Frederick said an underwater robot had started searching in the vicinity of the Titanic and that there was a push to get salvage equipment to the scene in case the sub is found.

Three C-17s from the U.S. military have also been used to move a commercial company's submersible and support equipment from Buffalo, New York, to St. John's, Newfoundland, to aid in the search, a spokeswoman for U.S. Air Mobility Command said.

Authorities reported the carbon-fiber vessel overdue Sunday night, setting off the search in waters 435 miles south of St. John's. At the helm was pilot Stockton Rush, the CEO of the company leading the expedition. His passengers were British adventurer Hamish Harding, two members of a Pakistani business family and a Titanic expert.

The submersible had a 96-hour oxygen supply when it put to sea at roughly 6 a.m. Sunday, according to David Concannon, an adviser to OceanGate Expeditions, which oversaw the mission. That means the oxygen supply could run out Thursday morning.

CBS News journalist David Pogue, who traveled to Titanic aboard the Titan last year, said the vehicle uses two communication systems: text messages that go back and forth to a surface ship and safety pings that are emitted every 15 minutes to indicate that the sub is still working.

Both of those systems stopped about 1 hour and 45 minutes after the Titan submerged.

"There are only two things that could mean. Either they lost all power or the ship developed a hull breach and it imploded instantly. Both of those are devastatingly hopeless," Pogue told CBC.

The submersible had seven backup systems to return to the surface, including sandbags and lead pipes that drop off and an inflatable balloon. One system is designed to work even if everyone aboard is unconscious, Pogue said.

Alistair Greig, a professor of marine engineering at University College London, said submersibles typically have a drop weight, which is "a mass they can release in the case of an emergency to bring them up to the surface using buoyancy."

"If there was a power failure and/or communication failure, this might have happened, and the submersible would then be bobbing about on the surface waiting to be found," Greig said.

Another scenario is a leak in the pressure hull, in which case the prognosis is not good, he said.

The Coast Guard plans to continue searching for the sub, which had a 96-hour oxygen supply when it put to sea Sunday. Above, the Cutter Warren Deyampert in Boston. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**

The Canadian research icebreaker Polar Prince, which was supporting the Titan, was to continue conducting surface searches with help from a Canadian Boeing P-8 Poseidon reconnaissance aircraft, the Coast Guard said on Twitter. Two U.S. C-130 Hercules aircraft also conducted overflights.

The Canadian military dropped sonar buoys to listen for any possible sounds from the Titan.

OceanGate's expeditions to the Titanic wreck site include archaeologists and marine biologists. The company also brings people who pay to come along, known as "mission specialists." They take turns operating sonar equipment and performing other tasks in the submersible.

These included Harding, who lives in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, according to Action Aviation, a company where Harding serves as chairman. Harding is a billionaire adventurer who holds three Guinness world records, including the longest duration at full ocean depth by a crewed vessel. In March 2021, he and ocean explorer Victor Vescovo descended to the lowest depth of the Mariana Trench. In June 2022, he went into space on Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket.

Also on board were Pakistani nationals Shahzada Dawood and his son Suleman, according to a family statement. The Dawoods belong to one of Pakistan's most prominent families. Their eponymous firm invests across the country in agriculture, industries and the health sector.

French explorer and Titanic expert Paul-Henry Nargeolet was also aboard, said David Gallo, a senior adviser for strategic initiatives and special projects at RMS Titanic. He identified Nargeolet, who has led multiple expeditions to the Titanic, in a CNN interview.

Trump adviser may face disbarment for efforts to overturn '20 election

By Stefanie Dazio and Michael R. Blood
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Attorney John Eastman, the architect of a legal strategy aimed at keeping former President Donald Trump in power, concocted a baseless theory and made false claims of fraud in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election, prosecutor Duncan Carling said Tuesday in arguing that Eastman be disbarred.

Eastman's attorney, Randall A. Miller, countered that his client never intended to steal the election, but was considering ways to delay electoral-vote counting so states could investigate allegations of voting improprieties. Trump's claims of fraud were roundly rejected by courts.

Eastman faces 11 disciplinary charges stemming from his development of a dubious legal strategy aimed at helping Trump overturn the election.

Eastman

The State Bar Court of California will hear testimony in a proceeding that could result in Eastman losing his license to practice law in the state. Others to testify include Greg Jacob, a former attorney for then-Vice President Mike Pence. Jacob had resisted Eastman's plan to have Pence stop the certification of Joe Biden's victory. Pence didn't have the power to overturn the election and has said so.

The proceedings are expected to last at least eight days. If the State Bar Court finds Eastman culpable of the alleged violations it can recommend a punishment such as suspending or revoking his law license.

The California Supreme Court makes the final decision.

Eastman was scheduled to testify in his own defense Tuesday.

The State Bar alleges that Eastman violated California's business and professions code by making false and misleading statements that constitute acts of "moral turpitude, dishonesty, and corruption," and "violated this duty in furtherance of an attempt to usurp the will of the American people and overturn election results for the highest office in the land — an egregious and unprecedented attack on our democracy."

Eastman has been a member of the California Bar since 1997, according to its website. He was a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and a founding director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute. He retired as dean of the Chapman University law school in Southern California last year after more than 160 faculty members signed a letter calling for the university to take action against him.

Dutch museum spurs Egypt's anger

Dispute centers on attributing African identity to ancients

By Vivian Yee
The New York Times

Visitors tour the "Egypt in Hip-Hop, Jazz, Soul & Funk" exhibition June 14 at the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden, the Netherlands, which has drawn complaints from Egyptians who say it distorts history. **ILVY NJIOKIKTJIEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

CAIRO — A new Dutch museum exhibit declares, "Egypt is a part of Africa," which might strike most people who have seen a map of the world as an uncontroversial statement.

But the show at the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden goes beyond geography. It explores the tradition of Black musicians — Beyoncé, Tina Turner, Nas and others — drawing inspiration and pride from the idea that ancient Egypt was an African culture. The exhibit is framed as a useful corrective to centuries of cultural erasure of Africans.

What might sound empowering in the United States and thought-provoking in the Netherlands, however, is anathema to Egypt's government and many of its people, who have flooded the museum's Facebook and Google pages with complaints — occasionally racist ones — about what they see as Western appropriation of their history.

Many Egyptians do not see themselves as African, identifying much more closely with the predominantly Arab and Muslim nations of the Middle East and North Africa, and many look down on darker-skinned Egyptians and sub-Saharan Africans. And some feel that it is their culture and history that are being erased in the Western quest to correct historical racism.

The exhibit "attacks Egyptians' civilization and heritage" and "distorts Egyptian identity," a member of parliament, Ahmed Belal, said in a speech May 2, soon after the exhibit opened and around the time similar fireworks erupted over a Netflix docudrama portraying the ancient Greek-Egyptian queen Cleopatra as Black.

Within weeks, perhaps aware of the appeal to its nationalist supporters, Egypt's government acted. The authority that oversees all things ancient Egyptian informed the Leiden museum's team of archaeologists, including the show's half-Egyptian curator, that they could no longer excavate in Egypt. Dutch Egyptologists had been working in the ancient tombs of Sakkara since 1975.

"If you don't respect our culture or our heritage, then we will not cooperate with you until you do," said Abdul Rahim Rihan, an Egyptian archaeologist who leads a group called the Campaign to Defend Egyptian Civilization.

Suggestions that ancient Egypt is a cultural ancestor of modern-day Black people are central to some forms of Afrocentrism, a cultural and political movement that arose to push back against often racist, colonialist ideas about supposed inferiority of African civilizations to European ones. Black people, in this telling, could be proud of their roots in the ancient kingdom that built some of the world's greatest splendors.

But for Egyptians, it all adds up to a wounded sense that, just as Westerners plundered antiquities like the Rosetta Stone from Egypt and hogged the credit for discovering them in centuries past, they are once again seizing control of ancient Egypt from Egyptians themselves.

The museum exhibit, "Kemet: Egypt in Hip-Hop, Jazz, Soul & Funk," looks at how Afrocentrism has played out in music. Beyoncé and Rihanna have adorned themselves as Nefertiti, the ancient queen of Egypt; Nina Simone said she believed she was Nefertiti reincarnate; and Tina Turner once sang about being Queen Hatshepsut — an ancient Egyptian pharaoh — in a past life.

The cover art for Nas' 1999 album "I Am …" sculpts his features into King Tutankhamen's famous golden mask. Miles Davis, Prince and Erykah Badu have all borrowed inspiration from the pharaohs for lyrics, jewelry and more.

"Kemet," the ancient Egyptians' word for their country, even commissioned an audio tour in Dutch, English and Arabic narrated by Typhoon, a Dutch rapper, as well as a new song by Dutch rapper Nnelg about his connection to ancient Egypt.

Typhoon acknowledges on the tour that the musicians' perspectives are "not the only way to think about ancient Egypt," but presents the exhibit nonetheless as a correction of history.

"Although television programs and films in the Netherlands and in the U.S. often project only a certain image of Egypt to the public, dark-skinned people lived there as well, both in the past and the present," he says.

The show, whose curator, Daniel Soliman, is half-Egyptian, appended a statement to the exhibit's online description in response to the "commotion" on social media. It said it was seeking to explain "why ancient Egypt is important to these artists and musicians and from which cultural and intellectual movements the music emerged."

Museum representatives declined to comment beyond the statement. But the show's defenders have pointed out that most of the critics have not visited it.

For Egyptians, just how touchy this subject is became clear during the controversy over Netflix's "Queen Cleopatra" series, when an Egyptian lawyer called for banning the streaming service in Egypt, and the government dismissed the show as a "falsification of Egyptian history."

Part of their anger may also stem from colorism: Some Egyptians tend to identify light skin with the elite, perhaps the result of age-old beauty standards that prize light skin and of centuries of rule by lighter-skinned conquerors from Europe and Turkey.

Egyptians' fury centers in part on one Afrocentrist idea, by no means embraced by all who subscribe to Afrocentrism, that the Arabs who invaded Egypt in the seventh century displaced the true African Egyptians.

"This is an attack on the Egyptian identity," said Rihan. "It's not about skin color," he added. "When you say things like that," he said, "you're taking the Egyptians out of their own history, against all evidence."

Soliman began working on excavations in Egypt as a student. He is one of the leaders of the museum-affiliated team that normally spends weeks each year in the village of Sakkara, just south of Cairo, excavating tombs of the ancient Egyptian city of Memphis.

Unlike European- or American-led archaeological digs of the past — witness the photographs of Howard Carter's discovery of King Tut's tomb — the Leiden archaeological team is careful to highlight the contributions of Egyptian workers, featuring them prominently in photos and online diaries about each season's excavations. Those efforts are in keeping with a growing trend in Egyptology toward giving Egyptians, once overlooked in the study of their own country's history, more prominence in the field.

But that mattered little after word of Soliman's exhibit spread.

The Dutch museum appeared slightly stunned by the tone of the social media criticism, noting that, while it welcomed "respectful dialogue," racist or offensive comments would be removed.

A man stands in a crater Tuesday near Zaporizhzhia after shelling. **ANDRIY ANDRIYENKO/AP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Drone-downing score shows gaps in Ukraine air defenses

By Susie Blann
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian air defenses downed 32 of 35 Shahed exploding drones Russia launched early Tuesday, most of them in the Kyiv region, officials said, in a bombardment that exposed gaps in the country's air protection after almost 16 months of war.

Russian forces mostly targeted the region around the Ukrainian capital in a nighttime drone attack lasting around three hours, officials said, with Ukrainian air defenses shooting down about two dozen.

The attack was part of a wider bombardment of Ukrainian regions that extended as far as the Lviv region in the west of the country, near Poland.

The Shahed drones made it all the way to Lviv because of the inability of air defense assets to cover such a broad area, Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuriy Ihnat said.

Air defense systems are mostly dedicated to protecting major cities, key infrastructure facilities, including nuclear power plants, and the front line, he said.

"There is a general lack of air defense assets to cover a country like Ukraine," Lviv Gov. Maksym Kozytskyi said.

Russia also struck the southern Zaporizhzhia region with ballistic missiles.

Ukraine's air defenses have been reinforced with sophisticated weapons from its Western allies, increasing the success rate at knocking down incoming drones and missiles.

A winter bombardment by Russia damaged Ukraine's power supply, though speedy repairs blunted that Kremlin effort.

The latest aerial assaults coincided with the early stages of a Ukrainian counteroffensive aiming to dislodge Kremlin forces from territory they've occupied since a full-scale invasion in February 2022.

The counteroffensive is up against heavily mined terrain and reinforced defensive fortifications, according to Valerii Zaluzhnyi, commander-in-chief of Ukraine's armed forces.

Russia has also mustered a large number of reserves, Zaluzhnyi said in a post accompanying a video of him visiting front-line positions with other officers.

Heavy battles are taking place in eastern Ukraine, around Bakhmut, Lyman, Avdiivka and Marinka, the Ukrainian armed forces said. Russia shelled 15 cities and villages in the eastern Donetsk region, wounding five civilians, according to Ukraine's presidential office.

Russia has relocated about 20,000 troops from areas in the Kherson region after flooding from the recent Kakhovka Dam collapse made it impossible for Ukraine to conduct an offensive there, Ukrainian military analyst Roman Svitan said.

The flooding removed the need for the Kremlin's forces to protect about 180 miles of the more than 600-mile front line, according to Svitan, and allowed Moscow to concentrate troops in the Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk regions where intense fighting is occurring.

Svitan said the Zaporizhzhia region appears to be the focus of the Ukrainian counteroffensive, seeking to smash through Russia's land corridor with the Crimean Peninsula.

Palestinian gunmen kill 4 near West Bank settlement

By Isabel Debre
Associated Press

Israeli security forces inspect the scene of an attack Tuesday near the West Bank settlement of Eli. **OHAD ZWIGENBERG/AP**

JERUSALEM — Two Palestinian attackers opened fire Tuesday at a restaurant and gas station near an Israeli settlement in the West Bank, killing at least four people and wounding several others before being shot, authorities said, as violence roiled the occupied territory the day after a deadly Israeli military raid.

A bystander shot and disabled one of the attackers, and Israeli security forces said they shot and killed the other who had fled the shooting scene. The Hamas militant group claimed both assailants as members. Israeli media identified three victims as Israeli residents of West Bank settlements ranging in age from 18 to 64. The fourth victim was not immediately identified.

Later Tuesday, carloads of Israeli settlers, outraged by the fatal shootings, drove to the northern Palestinian towns of Hawara, Beit Furik, Burin and surrounding villages, setting dozens of cars on fire, hurling stones and trying to set homes ablaze, said Nablus official Ghassan Daghlas.

Tuesday's violence underscored the fragility of the situation in the West Bank, where on Monday an Israeli military raid into the northern Jenin refugee camp ignited some of the fiercest Israeli-Palestinian fighting in years, killing six Palestinians and wounding scores more. Palestinian militants targeted Israeli military vehicles with roadside bombs and Israeli forces deployed helicopter gunships to evacuate stranded troops.

A surge in violence has killed 128 Palestinians and 24 people on the Israeli side this year, according to a tally by The Associated Press, prompting many on either side of the conflict to fear a possible greater conflagration.

The Israeli military said it was sending reinforcements to the West Bank and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to "settle the score with the murderers."

Israeli military spokesperson Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said the two Hamas-affiliated gunmen had driven to the shooting scene from the Palestinian village of Urif in the northern West Bank. The men first burst into a hummus restaurant next to the Israeli settlement of Eli, the Israeli military said, shooting and killing three people before heading out to the gas station and killing another person pumping gas into his car.

A civilian bystander shot one of the assailants repeatedly until he collapsed to the ground, unmoving.

Medics were later seen carrying him away in a body bag. Hamas identified him as Mohannad Faleh, 26. The second assailant fled the gas station in a stolen Toyota.

After an hourslong manhunt, Israeli security forces caught him in the West Bank town of Tubas, shooting and killing him when he tried to run out of his car. Palestinian health officials identified the man as Khaled Sabah, 24.

The Palestinian militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad praised the attack as a response to Monday's deadly military raid.

"Revolutionaries in the West Bank are striking everywhere, and specifically where (Israel) does not expect it," said Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem, describing the shooting as a "reaction to the crimes of the occupation in the Jenin camp."

Hours after the attack, Israeli settlers streamed through Palestinian towns, trying to torch property and smashing cars with stones. A few settlers opened fire at Palestinians who had ventured out of their homes to confront them, said Daghlas.

Dozens of Palestinians throughout the Nablus governorate were attacked and wounded by rocks, he said, including a Palestinian journalist struck in the face.

The northern town of Hawara was the scene of a deadly rampage earlier this year in which Israeli settlers set dozens of homes and cars on fire and left one Palestinian dead after a Palestinian militant attack killed two Israeli brothers.

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant was convening with the country's army chief and other top security officials to discuss a response to the shooting. Netanyahu's far-right coalition partners have ramped up pressure on the government to crack down harshly on the wave of Palestinian violence.

Biden putting a focus on governing

President working to assist Americans in their daily lives

By Zolan Kanno-Youngs
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REBUILDING PENNSYLVANIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE
PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN
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Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro explains to President Biden and others Saturday how part of I-95 will be repaired. **PETE MAROVICH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

PHILADELPHIA — Talk of federal indictments, classified documents and anything related to the president's predecessor are out. Bridge repair, "junk fees" and prescription drug prices are in.

As President Joe Biden ramps up his reelection campaign, his team is focused not on the various investigations into former President Donald Trump but rather on spotlighting the ways, however mundane, his administration can assist Americans in their daily lives.

Such was the case when Biden visited Philadelphia, where a fiery crash June 11 caused part of a highway used by the area's commuters to collapse, and reviewed the recycled glass product that he said was needed to ensure the highway's speedy repair.

Biden then had one of his more public-facing campaign rallies to celebrate the endorsements of more than a dozen unions.

"I'm proud to be the most pro-union president in American history," Biden told a crowd of people inside the Philadelphia convention center. "But what I'm really proud about is being reelected the most pro-union president in American history."

The Pennsylvania visit capped a week that in many ways will serve as a blueprint for the way the White House will proceed as the nation focuses on the various criminal investigations of the former president. While Republican candidates bicker over the case of Trump, Biden hopes to showcase his governing. While his opponents attack — or promise to pardon — Trump, Biden would rather discuss infrastructure and cracking down on undisclosed fees.

"He doesn't need to muscle into news stories or make a big splash," said Matt Bennett, executive vice president for public affairs at Third Way, a centrist Democratic advocacy group. "He needs to underscore what voters like about him and chip away at any doubts about him by doing what he did this week — showing that he's making progress on things they feel in their daily lives."

That's easier said than done.

Polls show many Americans are not satisfied with Biden and his domestic agenda. Just 33% of adults say they approve of Biden's handling of the economy, and 24% say national economic conditions are good, according to a poll conducted in May by Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Overall, 40% said they approved of the job Biden was doing.

White House officials involved with Biden's campaign are betting they can turn the tide not just by hosting traditional rallies, which have been largely absent thus far in his campaign, but also by organizing events showcasing the president's legislative accomplishments, such as his $1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package and his separate health, climate and tax law.

They are also ramping up hiring of staff members for the Biden campaign and eyeing the opening of a campaign headquarters in Delaware this summer, according to a White House official.

But it may take time for Americans to feel the effect of those policies, making Biden's ability to sell his accomplishments even more important.

"I think you'll see a combination of events like this, supplementing the majority of his work, which will be the more presidential, official-duty side of it," said Rep. Brendan Boyle, D-Pa., who was at the rally. "It is important we're communicating our story back home, especially in the biggest battleground state in the nation."

Before the Pennsylvania event, Biden met with the secretary-general of NATO to continue to rally the West against Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which some in the White House view as Biden's primary achievement. He then celebrated the Juneteenth holiday with a reception at the White House before holding a roundtable to detail efforts to crack down on the additional fees commonly levied by travel and entertainment companies.

His advisers also planned meetings with environmental activists as well as business and union leaders to emphasize that he had the support of two factions that in the past have been at odds.

And he tried his best to ignore Trump. The White House is hoping to stay silent on the multiple cases involving the former president to avoid accusations of meddling in Justice Department affairs.

But officials within the White House also believe that the best approach is to focus on the daily issues of Americans, in contrast with Republican opponents who are fielding questions about Trump's precarious legal situation.

Quentin James, a co-founder of the Collective PAC, an organization dedicated to electing Black officials, said the success of that plan would largely hinge on whether Biden could effectively translate sprawling legislation into digestible solutions.

"The challenge isn't so much cutting through the Trump noise; it's, will words like investments and federal funding actually hit the pockets and pocketbooks of working families," James said.

"Will these investments mean anything tangible in people's take-home pay before the election?"

Garland, in stoic style, aims to stay above fray

Ultimate decision to charge Trump made by attorney general

By Lindsay Whitehurst
Associated Press

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland addresses the findings of a Justice Department investigation into the Minneapolis Police Department during a news conference Friday in Minnesota. Garland took office in March 2021. **STEPHEN MATUREN/GETTY-AFP**

WASHINGTON — On his first day as attorney general, Merrick Garland pledged a return to what he called the "norms" of the Justice Department and said he would work to eliminate the perception of political interference.

But in the two years since he took office, the former federal judge has found himself in the middle of a political firestorm of historic proportions.

The case against Donald Trump — the first former president to face federal criminal charges — brought a crush of protesters to the Miami courthouse last week, as well as a torrent of social media broadsides from Trump and an onslaught of criticism from Republicans.

The decision to charge Trump, who is running for president again, is perhaps the most consequential in the history of the Justice Department.

The ultimate call on that came from Garland, whose demeanor leans to the mild.

Even the day when prosecutors informed Trump about the charges was outwardly quiet in the halls of the stately Justice Department headquarters.

That stillness carried into the night amid the furor unleashed when the former president broke the news on his social media platform.

It was hardly the first time that Garland had kept a poker face while under a high-profile glare. He had stayed mum when his nomination for the Supreme Court by President Barack Obama in 2016 languished long enough to break a century-old record before it expired.

Garland spent two decades as a judge, and that experience seemed to come through in his folded hands and stoic expression when he made his public comments Wednesday about the charges against Trump.

The attorney general stressed that he had followed the rules and regulations for special counsels, and he punctuated each word as he defended investigator Jack Smith as a "veteran career prosecutor."

"We live in a democracy. These kind of matters are adjudicated through the judicial system," Garland said as he took about three minutes worth of questions from two of the gathered reporters at the start of a meeting with U.S. attorneys on violent crime.

That repeated mantra of commitment to the rule of law has not soothed Republicans who are standing by the indicted former president and reframing the charges as an unfair political persecution.

Those close to Garland say he has long had a careful, thoughtful presence and does what is needed, with few outward displays of emotion.

Still, this moment is likely not an easy one, said friend Robert Post, a professor at Yale Law School who first got to know Garland when they served as clerks together in the late 1970s.

"I'm sure he is saddened by the spectacle of a former president being indicted for the kinds of crimes that we see Trump indicted for," Post said. "He's the least partisan person that I know. He cares about the law first and foremost."

Smith's appointment as special counsel after Trump announced his 2024 presidential campaign was another effort to uphold Justice Department norms and the principle that the agency follows the facts and the law, not politics, said Anthony Coley, who previously served as Garland's chief spokesman at the department.

"For the attorney general, the rule of law is not just some lawyer's turn of phrase. For him, the rule of law is foundational element of our democracy," he said.

It was Smith, a former war crimes prosecutor, who stood up alone at a podium the day after the Trump charges became public to declare: "We have one set of laws in this country, and they apply to everyone."

That appearance also carried visual cues to the separation between Garland and Smith.

Smith did not speak from the neoclassical headquarters where Garland works, but held his news conference in the sleek building across town where he has been working.

The special counsel attended the arraignment where Trump pleaded not guilty to illegally hoarding classified documents. Smith sat in the front row behind his team of prosecutors.

He is empowered to decide whether any charges should be brought, though Garland retains ultimate oversight of his work.

Trump announced June 8 that he had been indicted, and according to the White House, President Joe Biden learned of the 37 felony counts against the former president through news coverage. Biden was asked the next day whether he had talked to Garland about the case.

"I have not spoken to him at all," Biden told reporters. "I'm not going to speak to him."

Garland was confirmed by the Senate in March 2021 on a bipartisan vote, with both Democrats and Republicans saying he had the right record and temperament for the moment.

He was a federal appeals court judge for more than two decades after a stint in the Justice Department where he earned a reputation for meticulous preparation in the prosecution of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

Garland's handling of the release of another special counsel investigation was similarly low key. The review of the origins of the FBI's investigation of Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, carried out by special counsel John Durham, originally started under Trump. When it was completed under Garland, the report was released with few redactions.

Trump's last attorney general, Bill Barr, took a far different approach with the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference and Trump's campaign.

Barr released his own memo on the report and later held a news conference largely favorable to Trump before making the report public. The episode came during tumultuous years as Trump insisted that his attorney general and entire Justice Department be loyal to him personally, undermining its reputation for political independence.

Garland still will have to contend with more special counsel findings to come. Smith is investigating Trump's role involving the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021, and efforts to undo the 2020 election he lost to Biden.

Garland named a special counsel to investigate the presence of classified documents found at Biden's Delaware home and former Washington office that are from his time as vice president.

In announcing that move, Garland used phrasing identical to the Smith appointment, words that he used again in his brief comments after the indictment: "independence and accountability."

NEWS BRIEFING

Texas grid operator urges limiting power use amid heat wave

From news services

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas' power grid operator asked residents Tuesday to voluntarily cut back on electricity due to anticipated record demand on the system as a heat wave kept large swaths of the state and southern U.S. in triple-digit temperatures.

On the last day of spring, the sweltering heat felt more like the middle of summer across the South, where patience was growing thin over outages that have persisted since weekend storms and tornadoes caused widespread damage.

The request by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which serves most of that state's nearly 30 million residents, was its first of the year to cut energy consumption.

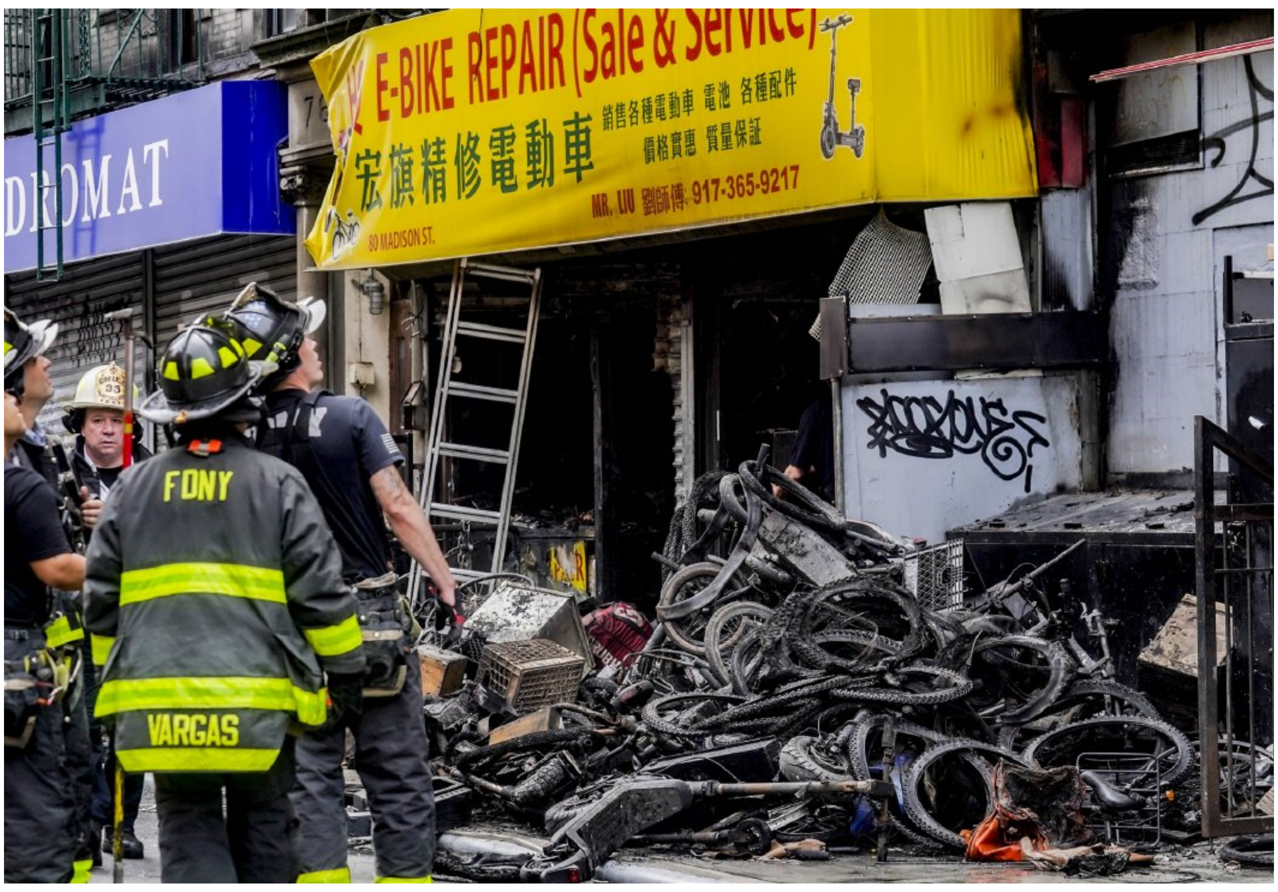
Much of Texas was under excessive heat warnings that were set to stay in place until Wednesday, with heat indexes topping 110 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

Many Texans have been skeptical of the state's grid since a deadly 2021 ice storm knocked out power to millions of customers for days.

In Oklahoma, more than 100,000 customers were eagerly awaiting the restoration of power and air conditioning following weekend storms that downed trees and snapped hundreds of utility poles.

Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders on Tuesday declared a state of emergency because of the weekend's storms, citing damage from the weather and "numerous" downed power lines.

In Louisiana, the Southwestern Electric Power Company said more than 93,000 of its customers remained without power Tuesday morning.



Firefighters and investigators sift through the aftermath of a blaze that started at an e-bike shop and quickly spread to upper-floor apartments, killing four people early Tuesday in New York City. The fire happened at a shop that was cited last summer for safety violations related to the storage and charging of lithium ion batteries, officials said. **BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP**

Influencer charged: Andrew Tate, a social media personality known for expressing misogynistic views online, was charged in Romania with rape, human trafficking and forming a criminal gang to exploit women, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Prosecutors also filed charges against Tate's brother, Tristan, and two Romanian women in a court in Bucharest, Romania's capital, the nation's anti-organized crime agency said.

In a statement, the Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism alleged the four defendants formed a criminal group in 2021 "in order to commit the crime of human trafficking" in Romania as well as the United States and Britain.

The agency alleged that seven female victims were misled and transported to Romania, where they were sexually exploited and subjected to physical violence by the gang.

Tate, a former professional kickboxer, has resided in Romania since 2017.

The Tate brothers, who are dual British-U.S. citizens, and the two Romanian suspects were detained in late December in Bucharest.

Actor's trial Aug. 3: Jonathan Majors' domestic violence case will go to trial Aug. 3, a Manhattan judge said Tuesday, casting him in a real-life courtroom drama as his idled Hollywood career hangs in the balance.

Majors' accuser alleges he pulled her finger, twisted her arm behind her back, struck and cut her ear and pushed her into a vehicle, causing her to fall backwards, during a March confrontation in New York City. The woman was treated at a hospital for minor head and neck injuries, police said.

Majors' attorney, Priya Chaudhry, said Tuesday that she provided prosecutors with video evidence showing the female accuser attacked her client, not the other way around. The woman has not been named in court records.

Majors had been a fast-rising Hollywood star with major roles in recent hits such as "Creed III" and "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania."

Chinese scare tactics: Three men were convicted of various charges Tuesday in a trial showcasing U.S. claims that China has engineered pressure campaigns on American soil to bully expatriates into returning home, as part of an effort called "Operation Fox Hunt."

American private investigator Michael McMahon and two Chinese citizens living in the U.S. — Zheng Congying and Zhu Yong — all were accused of taking part in scare tactics aimed at former Wuhan city official Xu Jin. He and his family were living quietly in New Jersey, but Beijing wanted him back.

Zhu was convicted of acting as an illegal foreign agent, stalking, and conspiracy to commit stalking and to act as an illegal foreign agent.

Zheng was convicted of stalking and stalking conspiracy but acquitted of the other charges.

McMahon was convicted of all except conspiracy to act as a foreign agent. No sentencing date has been set for the three, who face potential maximum sentences ranging from 10 years for Zheng to 25 for Zhu.

The Brooklyn federal court trial was the first to result from a spate of U.S. prosecutions scrutinizing China's "Operation Fox Hunt," a nearly decade-old initiative that Beijing characterizes as a pursuit of fugitives, including corrupt officials. U.S. authorities view it, at least sometimes, as an exercise in "transnational repression," or deploying government operatives to harass, threaten and silence critics living abroad.

Migrant smuggling case: Nine men suspected of crewing a migrant smuggling ship that sank off Greece leaving more than 500 missing were ordered held in pretrial custody Tuesday, as new accounts emerged on the sinking and the appalling conditions on the trip from Libya towards Italy.

The Egyptian suspects face charges that include participation in a criminal organization, manslaughter and causing a shipwreck. A court in Greece's southern city of Kalamata ordered their detention after questioning them for hours.

Only 104 men and youths — Egyptians, Pakistanis, Syrians and Palestinians — survived one of the worst migrant shipwrecks in the Mediterranean Sea early on June 14.

US sanctions: The U.S. on Tuesday imposed sanctions on a South Sudanese military officer and governor accused in connection with the rapes of hundreds of women and girls. They are the first U.S. sanctions issued with a dedicated focus on conflict-related sexual violence, the Treasury Department said.

Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control designated James Nando, a major general in the South Sudanese army, who is accused of overseeing forces that raped hundreds of women and girls between 2018 and 2021.

Treasury said Nando was aware of the abuses and did not prevent or punish fighters responsible for sexual violence when it happened under his watch.

Alfred Futuyo, governor of Western Equatoria, is also named in the sanctions documents. Affiliated with the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army, an opposition group, Futuyo is accused of carrying out numerous attacks in his state that resulted in abductions and gang rapes of hundreds of civilians.

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Jordan DeBose and company in "Passing Strange" at Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre. **JAY TOWNS PHOTOS**

REVIEW 'PASSING STRANGE' ★★½

Still finding its heart

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

One night in 2008, I was standing outside New York's Belasco Theatre when a black car drove up and a familiar figure got out. The occupant was Gerald Schoenfeld, then head of the Shubert Organization (now deceased). Later that night, I saw him standing at the back of the house surveying a very atypical Broadway audience for a show called "Passing Strange," wherein a Black writer-musician with the stage name Stew walked out on stage and (in essence) told the story of his life.

Stew was something of a hipster, a wandering spirit who left his home in Los Angeles for Amsterdam and Berlin. He had a decent following from his career as a solo musician and as founder of a band called The Negro Problem. The semi-autobiographical "Passing Strange" was a collaboration with Heidi Rodewald. It had done well at the Public Theater downtown, and its theme of a protagonist learning that true wisdom comes from family and knowing the inner self, as distinct from living large in European hot spots, was hardly unfamiliar. But this was still a radical move for Broadway in 2008, and not just because it told the intimate story of a Black artist. This was a concert-theater hybrid, experimenting with the era's limits of what could be called an American musical. And that's why Schoenfeld had come to a preview; he wanted to see what different looked like.

Michael Mejia, Caitlin Dobbins and Jordan DeBose, back, in "Passing Strange."

Viewed now, "Passing Strange" feels prescient. You can see it now at Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre in Evanston. Back in 2011, working at the Bailiwick Theatre, the director Lili-Anne Brown and the performer Jayson "JC" Brooks persuaded me that the show could be done with someone other than Stew. Brooks was much the same type of artist and he fit easily into the narrator role and Brown created a chill production using, if memory serves, just a couple of benches. Since then, I've listened often to a piece of which I've become very fond.

As directed by Tim Rhoze, Theo Ubique's production offers an immersive experience and an ideal space for this kind of show. There also is a lot of emerging talent in this non-Equity cast, which includes Jordan BeBose as the narrator, aka older Stew, Michael Jones as Stew's younger self and Jenece Upton as his mom.

But I felt the piece fell into the trap of wanting to physicalize far more than the material really supports, and that created a level of complexity that tended to separate the performers from the audience and from the musical intimacy of the material. The other issue, which should get better as the run continues, is that while there is a lot of terrific bonhomie, especially from DeBose, an enjoyable personality, the level of emotional engagement is not yet fully there. I thought Jones, who does have vulnerability and present-tense involvement, came the closest on opening night, but the show still needs to figure out how to focus and find its core. When it figures that out, everyone will better be able to focus on discovering the heart of these beautiful songs of self-discovery and gradual understanding.

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When: Through July 30
Where: Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, 721 Howard St., Evanston
Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes
Tickets: $45-$55 (plus $30 optional meal) at 773-939-4101 and theo-u.com

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Savage sees horror as most 'empathetic' genre

But director warns against lumping 'Boogeyman' into trend of grief films

By Jen Yamato
Los Angeles Times

Hours before hopping a red-eye from Los Angeles to London to promote the biggest film of his career, one of horror's fastest rising filmmakers is too busy waxing ecstatic over his love of scary movies to worry about making it to the airport on time.

Why horror? Let "The Boogeyman" director Rob Savage count the ways.

"There are taboo things that we all think and feel that we don't want to talk about, that in a horror movie you can dramatize without looking straight in the eyes," he says in a recent interview.

In conversation, he ticks off his favorite auteurs — De Palma, Argento, Bava, Hitchcock — with encyclopedic knowledge, recounting how his cinematic obsessions led him to experiment with tricks and techniques. But Savage's love affair with the genre is an emotional one, too.

"The best horror movies make me feel really seen," he smiles. In his youth, he aspired to be the next Lynne Ramsay or Andrea Arnold. Now he's eager to play in as many horror sandboxes as he can before "AI is directing everything."

It tracks, then, that the British writer-director, 30, landed on Hollywood's radar by peering darkly through that same lens, finding fresh ways into found footage while tapping into raw pandemic-era anxieties with 2020's Zoom seance-gone-wrong hit "Host" and 2021's provocative shutdown pic "Dashcam."

Now, with his third horror film in three years, Savage tackles one of humanity's most universal themes: grief. Stephen King adaptation "The Boogeyman" — Savage's studio directing debut now in theaters — finds Sadie (played by Sophie Thatcher) and Sawyer (Vivien Lyra Blair), daughters of therapist Will Harper (Chris Messina), plagued by a sinister force while mourning the recent death of their mother.

King's original tale zeroed in on two characters, a therapist and his patient haunted by an evil presence he blames for the mysterious deaths of his children. Reworking an initial script by Scott Beck and Bryan Woods that expanded the story into a domestic saga, Savage and Mark Heyman shifted it to rest on the shoulders of teenage Sadie, who battles her angst and anguish to save her broken family.

"My story is in the first 10 or 15 minutes of Rob's extraordinary movie — a kind of prologue," King, 75, wrote in an email. "It's a very short story, originally published in 'Cavalier' maga-

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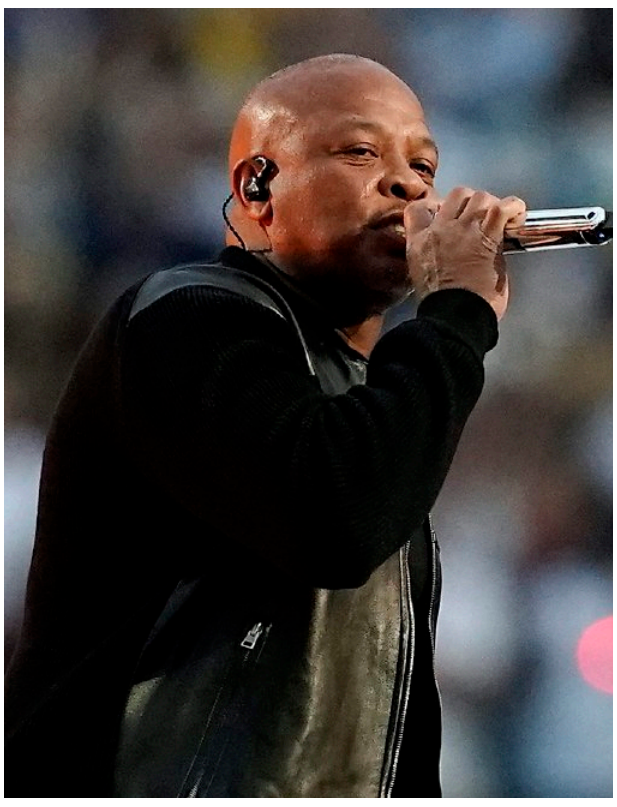
British director Rob Savage arrives May 23 for the premiere of "The Boogeyman" in California. **VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP**

CELEBRITIES

Dr. Dre to receive hip-hop icon award

From news services



Dr. Dre will receive the first ASCAP Hip-Hop Icon Award on Thursday in Los Angeles. **STEVE LUCIANO/AP 2022**

Dr. Dre will need to make room in his trophy case for another prestigious award.

On Tuesday, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers said that Dr. Dre will receive the first ASCAP Hip-Hop Icon Award. He'll be honored at the organization's Rhythm & Soul Music Awards on Thursday in Los Angeles.

"Dr. Dre's groundbreaking early work laid a foundation for hip-hop as we know it today," said Paul Williams, chairman of the board and president at ASCAP. "As a champion for some of today's biggest artists and a successful entrepreneur, he changed the culture around hip-hop."

The new icon award will be presented to ASCAP members whose musical contributions have made an "indelible impact" on the art and culture of hip-hop.

DJ Kid Capri and DJ Drama will provide music for Thursday's event, which will celebrate 50 years of hip-hop.

Dre, a seven-time Grammy winner and prolific producer, emerged from the West Coast gangster rap scene alongside Eazy-E and Ice Cube as part of the group N.W.A., which made a major mark in the hip-hop culture and music industry in the late 1980s. Earlier this year, Dr. Dre celebrated the 30th anniversary of "The Chronic" with a re-release of his debut studio album. In 2010, he was honored with the ASCAP's Founders Award.

Noah signs on for Spotify podcast: Trevor Noah, who left as host of "The Daily Show" in late 2022, is bringing his comedic voice to an original Spotify weekly podcast set to debut later this year.

The weekly podcast will blend Noah's "signature humor and razor-sharp wit with his global perspective to deliver a unique take on the hottest and most captivating topics of the moment," according to Spotify.

While Noah's podcast will be a "Spotify original," it will not be exclusive to the streamer. The show will also be available to listen to across numerous platforms.

On the new podcast, Noah said, "We'll engage in interesting and meaningful conversations with some of the world's most fascinating people. We'll also probably fix every single issue humankind has ever faced so you definitely want to join us for every episode."

Swift announces new tour dates: Taylor Swift announced 2024 international dates for her Eras Tour on Tuesday, beginning with a Feb. 7 to 10 run of four shows at the Tokyo Dome and running through Aug. 16 to 17, 2024, gigs at Wembley Stadium in London.

"EXCUSE ME HI I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY," she tweeted. "Can't wait to see so many of you on The Eras Tour next year at these new international dates!"

Swift did not reveal who would be opening all the shows, but did say Sabrina Carpenter would be kicking off the concerts from Feb. 16 through March 4 in eight cities that have been added to the itinerary.

June 21 birthdays: Actor Bernie Kopell is 90. Actor Mariette Hartley is 83. Actor Meredith Baxter is 76. Actor Michael Gross is 76. Actor Marc Copage is 61. Filmmaker Lana Wachowski is 58. Actor Juliette Lewis is 50. Actor Chris Pratt is 44. Singer Brandon Flowers is 42. Actor Jussie Smollett is 41. Singer Lana Del Rey is 38.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Aunt's reunion with 'new' niece enlightening

Dear Readers: Like you, I'm often curious about what happens to the advice I offer once it leaves my desk, and so I've asked readers to send in "updates" to let all of us know how my advice was received, if it was followed, and how things turned out.

The responses have flowed in, and I'm interested and often gratified to learn what impact this experience has had on readers.

This year I celebrate my 20th year of writing this column. Publishing these updates reminds me that we have been through a lot over these past decades. Some of these updates read like postcards from old friends, and I'm happy to share them.

(It's important to understand that most of these updates offer a positive outcome. I assume this is because when things go well, people are more willing to share their experience.)

To refresh all of our memories, I'm running the original Q&A, followed by the update.

Dear Amy: I am one of six adult siblings. We gather once or twice a year in a low-key kind of way to stay connected and catch up.

My brother "Tom," his wife and three adult children stopped attending these events a couple of years ago. This left us perplexed.

Recently, Tom's son (my nephew) shared with the family that he was transitioning to being a woman.

We reached out to my brother and our new niece, "Laura," in our individual ways, with messages of support. My brother followed up with an email explaining that this was the reason for the absences, as they took time to process it and support Laura, who wasn't yet ready to share her changes with the broader family.

We will soon be having another gathering, and Laura may be joining us. I am at a loss as to how to greet her when she walks through the door (after giving her a big hug, of course).

I want to say something that acknowledges this important step in her journey, but I do not want to say anything that might seem insensitive. Amy, you always seem to have the right words for any occasion. Please help!

— *Grateful Aunty*

Dear Aunty: Keep in mind that "Laura" is likely more nervous than you are. She will be part of your family for the rest of her life, so don't force yourself (or her) to cover too much ground in this one meeting.

No string of words is really necessary when you can deliver a hearty hug. Make eye contact with your niece and say, "Welcome back, Laura. I've missed you!" After that, you will find ways to resume your relationship, which was presumably well-established before her absence. Don't worry about igniting an instant connection, but let her reveal her own story as she chooses through time. You will all adjust.

(Published in January 2018)

Update from "Grateful Aunty"
Dear Amy: I remember your advice — first to relax about this and then to remember this would not be a "one and done" encounter.

I greeted "Laura" just as I would any other niece or nephew whom I had not seen in a couple of years — with a big hug and lots of enthusiasm. We did a lot of catching up about life in general, not the "big change."

The conversation meandered in a very natural way with Laura occasionally alluding to her transition (like how long it was taking to get her name changed on her driver's license).

The bigger point I want to make — and I realize this is only based on my singular experience — is that she seems so much more at ease socially than before. She was more expressive, engaged and outgoing than I had ever seen her before her transition.

As I was driving home later that night, it occurred to me that before her transition, she typically stood with arms folded across chest and with shoulders slightly hunched. Now she speaks animatedly, using her hands freely and with terrific posture. This to me is the surest sign that she is finally becoming who she was meant to be.

It made me appreciate more than ever how important it is to support loved ones on this journey, as well as advocate for them in a larger context.

— *Grateful*

Dear Grateful: This relationship is thriving, just as it should.

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Kotsur extends Oscar speech tribute to father in short film

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

When Troy Kotsur made history as the first Deaf male actor to win an Oscar at the 2022 Academy Awards, he was thinking about his father.

By then, Kotsur had already become a hero to the Deaf community, widely celebrated for his acclaimed performance in the family drama "CODA." It was easy to admire the tenacity and talent that had brought Kotsur, in his early 50s, to the movies' biggest stage after years of struggle as an actor in an industry not known for its hospitality to deaf performers.

To Kotsur, his persistence was most owed to one person: His father. On the Oscars stage, Kotsur dedicated the award to him. "You are my hero," he said.

Troy Kotsur explains how his late father, Leonard "Len" Kotsur, shaped the actor in "To My Father." **MATT YORK/AP 2022**

"He didn't look at me as having limitations. He continued to push me and push me," Kotsur said in a recent interview through an interpreter. "That's why I am who I am today."

In "To My Father," a short film that recently premiered at the Tribeca Festival, Kotsur extends and deepens that tribute to explain his father's story and how it shaped him.

Leonard "Len" Kotsur was the police chief of Mesa, Arizona, whose two other sons could hear. Ninety percent of deaf children are born to hearing parents, but the wide majority of those parents never learn American Sign Language. The elder Kotsur wasn't one of them. He was, the actor says, the best signer in the family.

"Most deaf kids have hearing parents who unfortunately do not know sign language at all," says Troy Kotsur. "So I need to show them that there's nothing wrong with sign language, and there's nothing wrong with the deaf person."

Shortly before Kotsur graduated high school, his father was in a car accident with a drunk driver. He became paralyzed from the neck down and spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair. Crushingly, he could no longer sign as he once did with his son.

"But he didn't let that stop him," says Kotsur. "About six months after the accident, he went back to work. He continued working as the chief of police, paralyzed in a wheelchair. He didn't care. He really persisted. And my dad was a great example for me. Me being deaf wasn't a big deal. I didn't let that stop me. I kept persisting and, surprisingly, I even won an Oscar."

The accident altered the perspectives of both father and son. In news reports at the time, Kotsur's father spoke about struggling with depression and the frustration of not being able to communicate the same way with his son.

"Finally, I saw that there were a lot of people worse off than me," Leonard Kotsur told the Arizona Republic in 1988. "I still have my head and my shoulders, and I can still talk and do things."

Troy Kotsur and his father, who died in 2001, developed their own sign language based on the gestures that he could manage. For something more elaborate, his father used a keyboard with a pencil taped to his hand.

"We really had to have the patience to take the time to communicate," says Kotsur.

A little more than a year after winning his Oscar, that moment has already been usurped by another earthshaking one: Kotsur's daughter graduated high school in May. As an empty nest with wife Deanne Bray looms, Kotsur is looking forward to working more.

Kotsur recently signed on to his first role since "CODA," which also won best picture. He's set to star alongside Maika Monroe in the crime thriller "In Cold Light," from director Maxime Giroux.

"There's been a lot of meetings," Kotsur says of his life since "CODA." "I've had a lot of meetings and some scripts that were already written but didn't have a deaf role. And so we've been discussing how we can adapt these roles to have a deaf person in these projects. We've developed a lot of creative projects together, some things that people have probably never thought of, and I'm pretty excited."

Savage

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zine, a long time ago, and their word-count requirements were ironbound … Rob and the crack writing team expanded on it with great success. The family dynamic they created would have been beyond me at age 24. The film is right and tight. I'm delighted with it."

Set for a Hulu streaming debut before pivoting to a 20th Century theatrical release, "The Boogeyman" is a classically wrought domestic nightmare that plays out in shadows and light, in the liminal terrors of a creaky craftsman engulfed in heavy silences.

But don't lump it into a trend of "grief horror," Savage pleads, preempting comparisons to the likes of Jennifer Kent's 2014 "The Babadook." "To me the horror in this movie, the Boogeyman and everything that it represents, is more about communication," he says. "It's about leaning on people when you're going through times of darkness. It is about grief, but it's also about how scary it is to be open, especially when you're speaking to something that's very dark and exposing."

With a reported $35 million budget, familiar genre bones and a PG-13 rating, "The Boogeyman" may seem the antithesis of the scrappily inventive and sharp-edged, low-budget films that launched Savage's career.

"I've always wanted to make a movie like this — a classic roller-coaster ride, a Friday night popcorn horror movie that plays to a big crowd," says Savage, whose upcoming projects — including a collaboration with Sam Raimi — have him poised for a big future in mainstream horror. "That's been more my dream than making, like, 'Hereditary' or an A24 movie. I've always wanted to make something that plays like 'The Conjuring.' "

Savage's initial pitch to producer 21 Laps had been simple — " 'Poltergeist' meets 'Ordinary People.' " It was the latter reference to Robert Redford's

Sophie Thatcher, from left, as Sadie Harper, Chris Messina as Will Harper and Vivien Lyra Blair as Sawyer Harper in "The Boogeyman." **PATTI PERRET/20TH CENTURY STUDIOS**

Oscar-winning 1980 familial grief drama that intrigued Thatcher.

Thatcher was hesitant to take on another genre project during her hiatus from hit series "Yellowjackets." Then she and Savage bonded over their mutual cinephilia in their first virtual meetings, trading references to such works as Nicolas Roeg's "Don't Look Now," and diving into the characters they'd need to keep grounded for the film to work.

"He was self-aware that this movie being about the Boogeyman, we're dealing with something that is very well-known," says Thatcher. "His ultimate (goal) was to not make it corny and make it as artful as possible."

During production, Savage would play scene partner to his cast when they had to act opposite their titular computer-generated co-star, acting out the Boogeyman's menacing noises and mannerisms. But on set, Savage also found himself processing the film's themes in a personal way when they hit unexpectedly close to home.

"I'd just gone through a loss before we did this movie. And it was a nice thing to be able to put words to those oddly specific feelings," he says, only specifying that it was a death in the family. "When you lose someone, it doesn't happen all at once; that person dies lots of little deaths. At the beginning of the movie, the mom is kind of alive — you've got (her painting) studio and all the light is pouring in, and her portrait is half finished, and the paint is still wet. She's still a presence in the house. And then she dies again when you box her up and put her into the dark basement, and she dies again every time you avoid the conversation with your family members. And it was kind of the same with my family."

He says it again: "The Boogeyman" is not an A24 movie. "It's not a grief movie in that way. But the scenes that have to do with that are really heartfelt. Nothing in this movie, surprisingly for a Disney movie called 'The Boogeyman,' was done cynically."

Horror, he says, is the most "empathetic" of genres, peeling back his philosophical approach to scary movies. "Horror can put you shoulder to shoulder with characters that you would cross the street to avoid, but in that context you're rooting for them. You come to understand them."

Hit Taiwanese political drama ignores China

Creators' decision on cross-strait relations in 'Wave Makers' large part of its appeal

By Stephanie Yang and David Shen
Los Angeles Times

The series "Wave Makers," a "West Wing"-style drama set in Taiwan, studiously avoids mention of mainland China. **NETFLIX**

Plagiarism rumors. Election rallies featuring inflated batons and cheers for "frozen garlic." Boozy karaoke after-parties.

A popular new Netflix drama set in Taipei depicts all the hallmarks of a Taiwanese political campaign, with one glaring omission: debate over how to handle China.

That existential question is already looming over Taiwan's actual presidential election in January. While China has long declared the self-ruled island a part of its territory, relations between Beijing and Taipei have deteriorated to their worst state in decades, raising the risk of military conflict.

But the eight-part series "Wave Makers" makes no mention of cross-strait relations, focusing instead on the everyday lives of campaign staffers trying to get their candidate elected president of Taiwan.

For some fans, that's a large part of its appeal. For the show's creators, it was a conscious decision to keep their fictional drama from getting swallowed up by real-world events.

"It's kind of like an alternative universe — how Taiwanese politics could look like if, and only if, China weren't an issue," said Chieh-ting Yeh, the director of US Taiwan Watch, a think tank focused on U.S.-Taiwan relations. "At least to me, it's quite refreshing."

The show follows Weng Wen-fang, an out gay senior staffer with the opposition party, who is grappling with her future in politics after her own election loss in a local council race. She befriends recent recruit Chang Ya-ching, supporting the younger woman through a sexual harassment claim at work and the fallout from an affair with a prominent politician. Others in the office struggle with work-life balance and waning idealism.

When the first episode opened with a political rally in Taipei — featuring attendees waving party flags and shouting dongsuan, Taiwanese slang for "win the election" that literally translates as "frozen garlic" — Lee Meng-huah, 34, assumed that talk of China would soon crop up. She was pleasantly surprised that it never did.

Lee, a pharmaceutical worker based in Tainan, Taiwan, considers herself indifferent to politics, and usually prefers Korean dramas to Taiwanese ones. But on her husband's recommendation, she began to watch "Wave Makers" and found herself sympathizing with the characters. As a mother of two children, she understood what it was like to juggle work and family, and she recalled a similar sexual harassment complaint unfolding in a previous workplace.

"It's written very close to the kinds of problems we encounter in our lives," she said. "If it had explored cross-strait relations or the question of Taiwan's independence, I think it would have muddled the point of the whole show."

Political dramas like "Wave Makers" are a rarity for Taiwan. The legacy of martial law, which was in place on the island until 1987, and the desire for access to the mainland Chinese market have made political portrayals particularly sensitive.

The works that do exist are often rooted in historical events, such as the four-decade postwar "White Terror" era of mass suppression and brutality under the Nationalist Party. Another well-received series from 2020, "Island Nation," is set in the 1990s during Taiwan's transition to democracy.

For more modern-day inspiration, "Wave Makers" screenwriters Chien Li-ying and Peng Wei-chao (better known by her pen name Cynical Chick) turned to U.S. shows like "The West Wing," "House of Cards" and "Veep," as well as some Korean political dramas.

But choosing to leave out any reference to the biggest geopolitical challenge facing Taiwan today didn't come easily.

"We struggled with this decision for a long time," said Chien. "If there's no cross-strait relations, then it's not realistic. But it's also difficult because you don't want it to become something where this side or that side doesn't watch. And once you bring it up, whatever else you talk about, no one will care."

Ultimately, the writers prioritized mass appeal — and making the politics of the show as apolitical as possible. Whereas the plot originally pitted a male and female presidential candidate against each other, both were rewritten as women to avoid direct comparison of a lone female contestant with President Tsai Ing-wen. One of those characters takes a rare stance against the death penalty — an issue that cuts across party lines.

In mainland China, where Netflix is blocked and "Wave Makers" is omitted from the country's biggest movie review site, posts about the show were still viewed more than 110 million times on Chinese social media before they were censored.

Comments applauded the show's focus on progressive issues, such as sexual harassment and same-sex marriage. China's own #MeToo movement has stalled under heavy censorship, and resources for queer communities have grown scarce as the government has increased pressure on civil society. For some viewers, the existence of a Chinese-language drama about a presidential election also highlighted the political differences between Taiwan and China.

Chien and Peng didn't expect to start a movement, or reach Chinese audiences, when they started writing the script in 2019 with the goal of spotlighting women's experiences. With funding from Taiwan's Public Television Service and the Taiwan Creative Content Agency — founded by the Ministry of Culture to support Taiwanese content — they finished production before showing the first two episodes to Netflix in November. "Wave Makers" appeared on the platform five months later.

The screenwriters, who have started work on a second season, said that streaming services like Netflix have allowed the local industry to experiment with more themes and take chances on riskier projects like "Wave Makers."

It's also broadened potential international influence, something that became clearer to them after the show was released.

"Actually, our show can let the world know Taiwan is a real place, not just a pawn between major powers or a chipmaker," Peng said. "So although it is a drama, it has even more value than that."

Album about New England has far wider appeal

Kahan's vulnerability in folk songs' lyrics connecting with fans

By Elise Ryan
Associated Press

Noah Kahan, seen June 7, released a deluxe version of his album. **CHRISTOPHER SMITH/INVISION**

Singer-songwriter Noah Kahan's "Stick Season" is about New England — a topic the Vermont native says he could write about for the rest of his life — but it's also largely about in-between spaces.

When resentment lingers but forgiveness feels possible. When a broken friendship is just beginning to mend. When homesickness clashes with a desire to leave. Or, in the case of the album's title track, when fall hasn't yet turned to winter.

Writing the folk-pop album, he said recently, felt "like breathing."

Kahan revisits those themes through a new lens on the recently released "Stick Season (We'll All Be Here Forever)," a deluxe version of the album that adds six new tracks and an extended version of fan-favorite "The View Between Villages." The additions also see Kahan reflect on the eight months between the original album's release and now.

"I'm speaking about the highs and the lows," Kahan said of reconciling the version of home he had written about with reality. "And the truth is it's always somewhere in the middle when you really go back."

"Stick Season," the song, went viral last year, earning millions of streams fueled largely by social media. It wasn't his first big release — at 26 years old, Kahan has already put out three studio albums and two EPs. But it was one with momentum: Fans had latched onto the song long before its release, having heard Kahan perform it on pandemic-era Instagram livestreams and at shows that followed. When the single came out last July, Kahan called it "his favorite song ever" in a tweet.

Viral TikToks followed. Among them was a cover by two sisters seated at a piano, harmonizing.

"We're Canadian. We're very Canadian. At that point, we had never left the country," Moira MacMullin, 24, one-half of the indie folk-pop duo Moira & Claire, said recently. "But somehow we got into the emotions of it ... there's just something about his writing."

Seeing fans connect with the song's lyrics and themes has been "the coolest thing," Kahan said, especially because "Stick Season" also marked his wholehearted embrace of the folk genre and childhood influences like the Avett Brothers and Paul Simon.

"When I would write songs that were more pop-y in a studio, I would go home and write a song that was more folk-y just for me because I felt like I was accessing that inner child," Kahan said of previous projects. "Being able to finally explore that in this record and really lean into those inspirations and those feelings was really freeing."

Moments of humor throughout the album reflect Kahan's personality. But the topics he dissects are heavy — along with heartbreak, isolation and homesickness, there are references to substance abuse, death, depression and divorce.

NOAH KAHAN
STICK SEASON
(We'll All Be Here Forever)

"Stick Season" by Noah Kahan. **MERCURY RECORDS/REPUBLIC RECORDS**

Kahan's narrators aren't perfect, but that's the point.

Making the album about home, he said, felt like home. But watching it explode in the months that followed was challenging emotionally and creatively.

"I wanted to kind of show people who I was and continue to do that in the context of 'Stick Season,' but also explain this journey I've been on in the past year, with touring all the time and trying to be creative and feeling like I was a fraud," Kahan, who has long been open about his mental health, said as he described the motivation behind the deluxe album.

That meant introducing some acceptance and grace to counter some of the resentment he said imbued the original release: "In a lot of ways, I wrote this record as a letter to myself to say it's OK to feel these things, and it's OK to go on this journey."

At a sold-out concert at New York's Radio City Music Hall two days before the deluxe album's release, Kahan encouraged "even the happiest person in the room" to be in therapy. He sang his lyrics, with their open references to depression, medication and therapy, and invited the audience to scream his words back to him.

The crowd obliged, rendering the atmosphere at Radio City one you'd find at summer camp.

"Songwriting for me has always been a way to process my emotions. Sometimes I'm not great at processing them in a very logical way. Sometimes it takes me sitting down and writing a song to remember that I was feeling that way," Kahan said. "But for me the question is always, can this help somebody get through their own discomfort ... or problem or struggle?"

That's part of why it felt like a natural step for him to launch the Busyhead Project, an initiative aiming to raise $1 million for organizations that specialize in mental health resources and awareness. Launched in May, the project named for his 2019 album has already raised over $340,000, with Kahan donating a portion of his tour ticket sales.

Joy Oladokun, Kahan's tour opener, acknowledged her own mental health struggles during her set. Her latest album, "Proof of Life," features a collaboration with Kahan, the dark-but-also-kind-of-funny "We're All Gonna Die."

"For me, music has always been about bridge building," Oladokun said recently. Acknowledging hard things in her songs or onstage before performing them "is very much central to my values," like Kahan's, she added.

But honesty can be brutal. These songs aren't always easy to sing — or sing along to.

"A lot of these songs talk about shame and about substance abuse and about parental flaws and family trauma. And those are tricky things," Kahan said. "They're tricky for me to write, and it's tricky (for fans) to own that in a show and to sing it. But it's a beautiful, beautiful thing to see."

One song that has been unexpectedly embraced is "Orange Juice." Kahan has said the track, which alludes to sobriety, is about two friends who reunite after their relationship fell apart in the wake of shared trauma.

"That's a song that I was almost not going to play because it felt so personal and so vulnerable," Kahan said. Watching people own it on social media and at shows makes him proud.

"We are writing about heavy things, and we are dealing with heavy things, and we are two sensitive people," Oladokun said.

But she also tries to keep some humor at the forefront of her projects. In the lyric video for "We're All Gonna Die," animated versions of the duo race coffins, parodying Mario Kart (which they also play together before soundcheck).

"We also like to have fun, you know?" she said.

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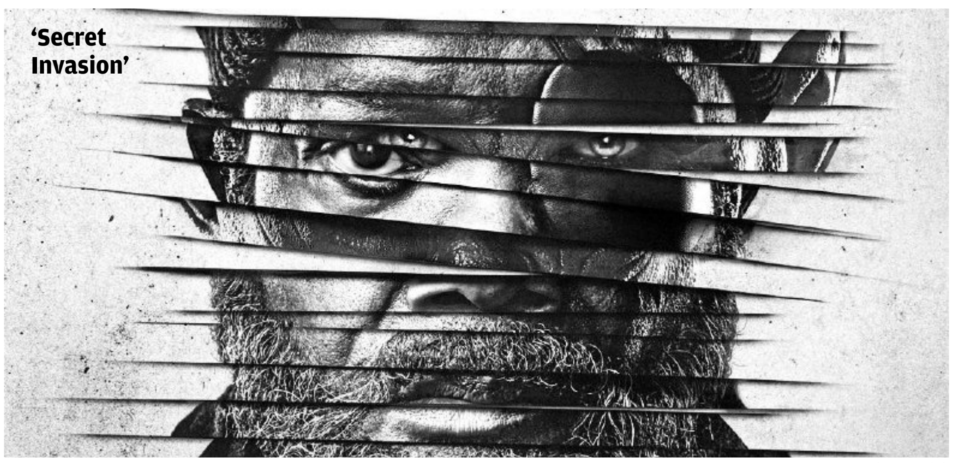

MARVEL STUDIOS

Secret Invasion

Disney+ ■ New Series

This Marvel series finds Samuel L. Jackson reprising his role as Nick Fury from the blockbuster feature films. In a story set in the present-day Marvel Cinematic Universe, Fury learns of a clandestine invasion of Earth by a faction of shapeshifting Skrulls. Fury joins his allies, including Everett Ross (Martin Freeman), Maria Hill (Cobie Smulders) and the Skrull Talos (Ben Mendelsohn), who has made a life for himself on Earth. Together, they race against time to thwart an imminent Skrull invasion and save humanity. Emilia Clarke, Olivia Colman and Don Cheadle also star. New episodes are available Wednesdays.

LA Fire & Rescue

NBC, 7 p.m. ■ New Series

This docuseries from the producers of Chicago Fire offers unprecedented access to the inner workings of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Responsible for protecting the lives and property of 4 million residents living in 59 cities across Los Angeles County, the LACoFD's 2,300 square miles of service is unlike any other in the United States. From helicopter mountain rescues and lifeguard beach SOS to fireboats, hazmat units and California's raging wildfires, the department does it all. The series documents real calls while giving faces to the firefighters.

Nancy Drew

The CW, 7 p.m.

In "The Return of the Killer's Hook," Nancy (Kennedy McMann) runs into an old friend who is in town directing a remake of a horror film.

The Wonder Years

ABC, 8 p.m.

Kim (Laura Kariuki) decides to take classes at Bill's (Dule Hill) college; Dean (Elisha Williams) and his friends join the football team.

Riverdale

The CW, 8 p.m.

In "Chapter One Twenty-Nine: After the Fall," Archie (K.J. Apa) and Reggie (Charles Melton) prepare for their big basketball game against Stonewall Prep.

Small Town Potential

HGTV, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

This new series will chronicle the rich history of New York's scenic Hudson Valley region while showcasing a modern-day design business. Life and work partners Davina Thomasula and Kristin Leitheuser, along with Kristin's dad, Don Leitheuser, will help clients find, buy and renovate unique properties.

Below the Belt: The Last Health Taboo

PBS, 9 p.m.

Through the personal and inspiring stories of four patients urgently searching for answers to mysterious symptoms, this program exposes widespread problems in our health care system that disproportionately affect women. From societal taboos and gender bias to misinformed doctors and financial barriers to care, the film shines a light on how millions are effectively silenced.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

SABAN CAPITAL GROUP

Hearts of Winter (2020, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

The Shoplifting Pact (2022, Suspense) Alicia Leigh Willis, Fidelia Grace **LMN, 5 p.m.**

The Dancing Detective: A Deadly Tango (2023, Mystery) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m.**

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004, Children) Tom Kenny, Bill Fagerbakke **Nick, 6 p.m.**

The Money Pit (1986, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Shelley Long **Sundance, 6:30 p.m.**

Aquaman (2018, Action) Jason Momoa, Amber Heard **TNT, 7 p.m.**

Hider in My House (2022, Suspense) Meghan Carrasquillo, Thomas Gipson **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Summer Villa (2016, Romance) Hilarie Burton, Victor Webster **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

The Cases of Mystery Lane (2023, Romance-comedy) Aimee Garcia, Paul Campbell **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

Meatballs (1979, Comedy) Bill Murray, Chris Makepeace **Sundance, 8:30 p.m.**

My Nightmare Office Affair (2022, Horror) Laurie Fortier, Marc Herrmann **LMN, 9 p.m.**

Braven (2018, Action) Jason Momoa, Jill Wagner **TNT, 10 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

CATCH A CLASSIC

A Hard Day's Night (1964)

TCM, 1:15 p.m.

This 1964 classic starring the Beatles was the Fab Four's first film and is a fun and influential romp through a fictionalized day in their life during the frenzied height of Beatlemania. It earned Oscar nominations for its screenplay and its adapted musical score by the group's producer, George Martin. Directed by Richard Lester, the film is a perfect vehicle for John, Paul, George and Ringo, drawing on the cheeky humor and pure fun the group often brought to its songs. The first megastar boy band at the time of filming — and still quite young — the Beatles are comfortably charming in the movie, even while frequently pursued by obsessed fans. The film's other big star is its fantastic soundtrack, including the title tune and other classics like "Can't Buy Me Love," "She Loves You," "And I Love Her" and "If I Fell." The innovative way these songs are cut into visual sequences surely had some influence on later music videos. With A Hard Day's Night and its frantically fun combination of songs and comedy, the Beatles — as they did with their records — set a new and high bar for what a music film could be.

THE BEATLES

UNITED ARTISTS / PHOTOFEST

And, whether meaning to or not, they and Lester also created an enduringly enjoyable time capsule of one particularly fab moment in time. — *Jeff Pfeiffer*

TCM	★★★ Grey Gardens ('75, Documentary) Former socialites become recluses in decrepit mansion.				★★★ La Promesse ('96, Drama) (Jérér teenager befriends a widowed illegal ir		
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Robert Carlyle, from left, Miles Jupp, Steve Huison, Paul Barber and Mark Addy star in the series "Full Monty," a sequel to the 1997 film with some of the original cast members. **FX**

'Full Monty' lays politics bare in series 25 years after movie

By Lizzie Knight
Associated Press

The Sheffield strippers of "The Full Monty" return 25 years on, in a new TV series that wears its politics on its sleeve.

In the much-loved original movie, a group of unemployed men from the north of England decide to form a striptease act in a desperate attempt to raise money after the local steelworks closed down.

A new comedy-drama TV series from the same writer, Simon Beaufoy, and producer, Uberto Pasolini, returns to those characters more than two decades later in a compelling portrait of contemporary Britain. After the dismantling of heavy industry, the area has been subjected to an erosion of public services and the welfare safety net.

"The politics are in there," actor Steve Huison said in a recent interview. "You don't have to be slammed in the face with them but hopefully people will see it and realize, 'Oh, you know, that's where I'm at at the moment.' "

The original movie was a surprise international hit, earning nearly $260 million and even spawning a musical in 2000 and a play in 2013. Robert Carlyle, who plays grifter Gary "Gaz" Schofield, attributes that success to its universal themes.

"One of the principal reasons why it did have such an appeal worldwide, particularly in Europe, was that places like Sheffield exist all over Europe, and all over the U.S., if you think of it, you know, probably Detroit or something like that. The death of the car industry there is similar to the death of the steel industry in Sheffield," Carlyle said.

The 1997 movie was nominated for four Academy Awards, including best picture, and won one for Anne Dudley's score.

The men of "The Full Monty" — older but not necessarily wiser — do not strip in the TV series, but are struggling to keep up with developments in modern society and, in some cases, to survive. It co-stars original cast members Tom Wilkinson, Mark Addy, Wim Snape, Paul Clayton and Paul Barber.

Original star Hugo Speer was sacked from the show after allegations of inappropriate conduct, but does make a brief appearance in the series.

Beaufoy co-wrote the series with frequent collaborator Alice Nutter, the Chumbawamba singer who has also written for "Trust" and "The White Princess." Unlike the movie, the new TV series doesn't just focus on the plight of working class men; women are front and center in the story, no longer just sidelined as wives.

"You know, from the original to the series, I felt that Simon had been incredibly generous," said Lesley Sharp, who returns as Jean. "He and Alice have invested really beautifully in other female characters."

The series has a new character, Destiny, a tearaway teen played by Talitha Wing who has inherited her father Gaz's tendency to get her friends into trouble, but has a steely determination to get on in life.

"There's really, really strong women," said Wing. "It's fantastic to see and to play as well."

The eight-part original series from FX is now available on Hulu.

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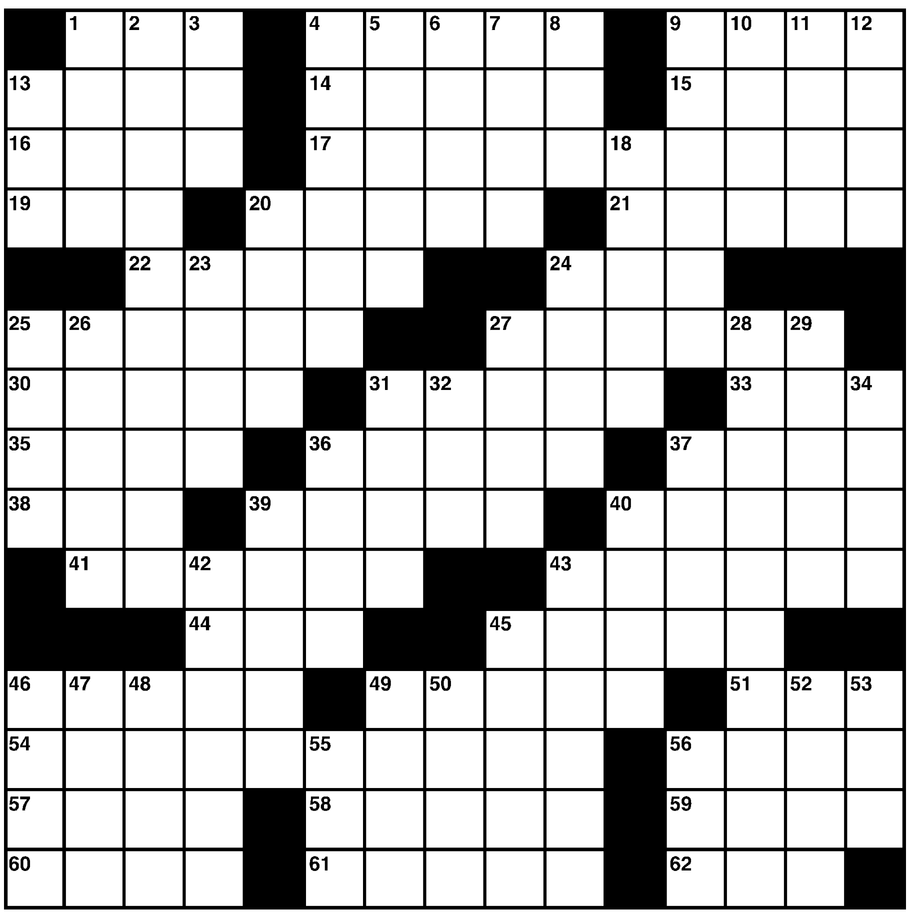

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ACROSS

1 Faucet
4 Drag one's feet
9 Gross
13 Graceful dance
14 "Sesame Street" character
15 Zip
16 No more than
17 Soul-cleansing ritual
19 Word of mild surprise
20 Waken
21 Helpful tips
22 Painfully thin
24 Greyhound vehicle
25 Matched up
27 Give a gift
30 Last name for 2 U.S. presidents
31 Ferguson or Palin
33 Go for the gold
35 Yankee Doodle's mount
36 Earn
37 Coastal bird
38 First letters
39 Hippie's greeting
40 Coleslaw recipe verb
41 Stranger
43 Heats milk to near boiling
44 Forest animal
45 Disney dog
46 Tree with chocolaty pods
49 Water vapor
51 All __ sudden
54 Great joy
56 Aspen gear
57 Nursery rhyme farmer's home
58 "Why __ I think of that?"
59 Brain wave tests
60 Spot
61 Woman's garment
62 Classifieds

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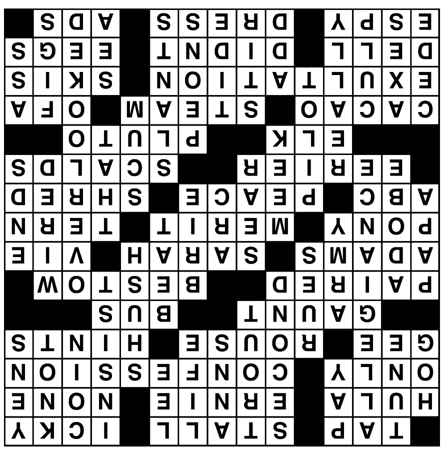
1 Ditty
2 Loyalty
3 Shell out
4 Instant
5 Brook __; VA's state fish
6 Landers & others
7 "Get a __!"; cry to a busybody
8 Marvin or Majors
9 __ on; demand
10 Invent, as a phrase
11 Shoelace problem
12 Hankerings
13 Take everything for oneself
18 "Be quiet!"
20 French streets
23 Fighting force
24 Outscore
25 Mama's man
26 Sun-dried brick
27 Actress Larson
28 Failed to notice
29 Did an electrician's job
31 Scorch
32 "Joan of __"; Ingrid Bergman film
34 Make __ meet; get by
36 Unassuming
37 TV's "__ '70s Show"
39 Cockpit figure
40 Lowlife
42 Doubter's question
43 Tilts to one side
45 Lowly laborers
46 Relinquish
47 Firefighters' tools
48 Actor Robert
49 __ up; incite
50 Wave movement
52 Exports from Turkey
53 Mule's father
55 __-on; building wing
56 __ green; aqua

Solutions



Horoscopes

Today's birthday (June 21): Friends are your true wealth this year. Plan upcoming studies and adventures with dedication. Make exciting domestic improvements this autumn. Changes redirect a team effort this winter. Resolve springtime challenges at home, before winning a summer professional prize. Connect and network to grow.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Your domestic agenda takes precedence for a month, with the sun in Cancer. Savor home comforts. Make repairs and upgrades for family benefit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Write, research and capture the story. Study intently and learn quickly, with the sun in Cancer. Creative expression flowers easily over the next month.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Launch lucrative projects under the Cancer sun for a month. It's easier to make money. Develop new income streams for surging cash flow.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. What results would you love? You're strong, smart and energized, with the sun in your sign. Make the most of it for a month.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Finish old business this month. Review plans and priorities, and process recent transitions, with the sun in Cancer. Recharge privately. Listen to imagination.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Teamwork wins, with the sun in Cancer. Social participation delivers benefits this month. Collaborate with your tribe, group and community. It's party time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Tap into your own passion. Advance your career and status over the next month, with the sun in Cancer. Energize your work with love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Explore your subject more deeply. Venture into new terrain over a month, with the sun in Cancer. Investigate and study. Travel for direct experience.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Develop profitable projects. Collaborate for shared gain, with the sun in Cancer. Contribute for joint benefits over the next month. Grow and build together.

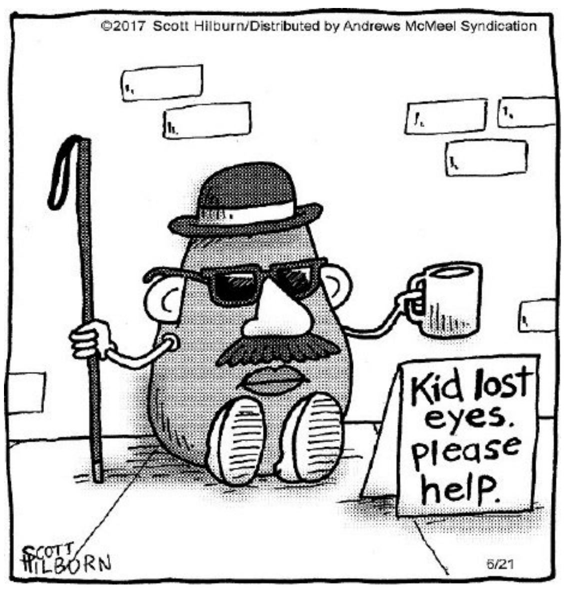
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Compromise, negotiate, and find win-win situations. Energize romance. Over four weeks, with the sun in Cancer, prioritize partnership. Share appreciation, gratitude and memories.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Grow stronger under the Cancer sun. Prioritize physical health and performance with energy-building practices including good food, exercise and rest. Nature feeds your spirit.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Your heart keeps growing. Fall in love all over again this month. The Cancer sun favors romance, fun and passion. Special connections energize you.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn
(Argyle Sweater is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this panel from 2017.)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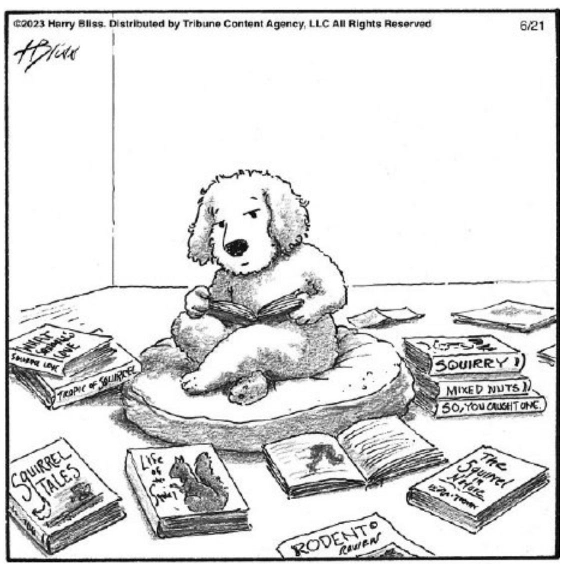
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Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ J 4 3
♥ 8 6
♦ A K 10 7 6 2
♣ A 6

West
♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 3
♦ J 9 5 3
♣ K J 3 2

East
♠ 9 7 6
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ 4
♣ 10 8 7 5 4

South
♠ A Q 10 2
♥ A K 10 9 5
♦ Q 8
♣ Q 9

Today's deal is from a recent tournament in Poland. South was Polish expert Kazimierz Omernik, now in his late 70s. His partner's sequence – transferring to diamonds and then bidding three no trump – promised six or more diamonds with some slam interest. Omernik wanted to accept the invitation and bid four clubs, hoping to inhibit a lead in that suit.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	All pass		

***Transfer to diamonds**

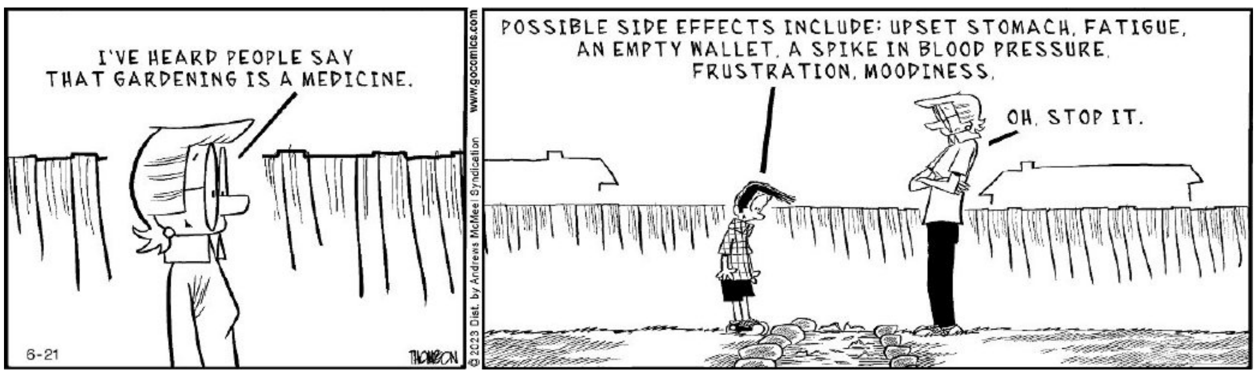
Opening lead: Seven of ♥

West led his high heart, which looked like it was from a short suit. Omernik captured East's jack with his ace, cashed the queen of diamonds, and led a diamond to dummy's ace. The 4-1 trump split turned an easy contract into a difficult one. Omernik cashed the king of diamonds and led a heart to his 10, successfully finessing for the queen. He then cashed the king of hearts. West saw that he would be endplayed if he ruffed so he discarded a club. Omernik might have discarded the low club from dummy and rested his fate on the spade finesse, but he discarded a spade from dummy instead. He ruffed a heart and exited dummy with a diamond to West.

West was end-played and had to lead from one of his kings. West chose a club, so Omernik let that run to his queen and shed another spade from dummy on the established nine of hearts. Making six! A beautifully played deal.

— Bob Jones
Tribune Content Agency

Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson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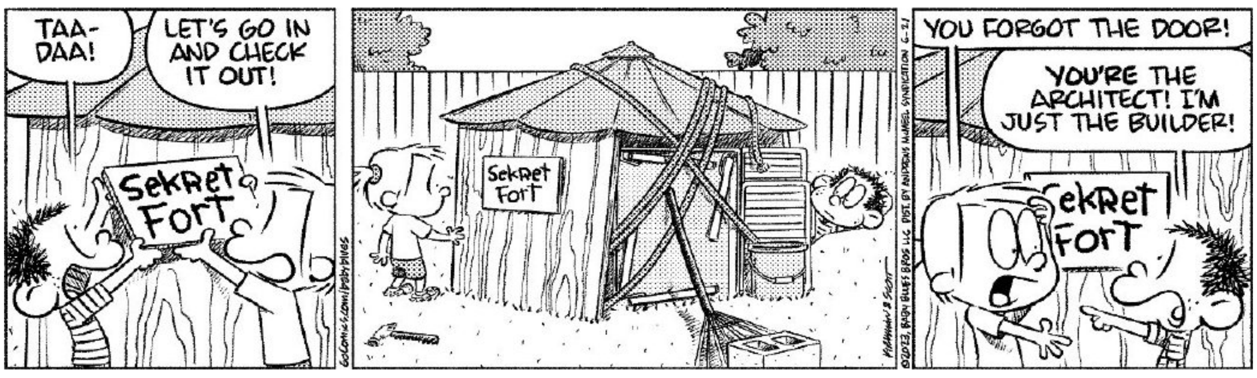
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott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YOU'RE THE ARCHITECT! I'M JUST THE BUILDER!
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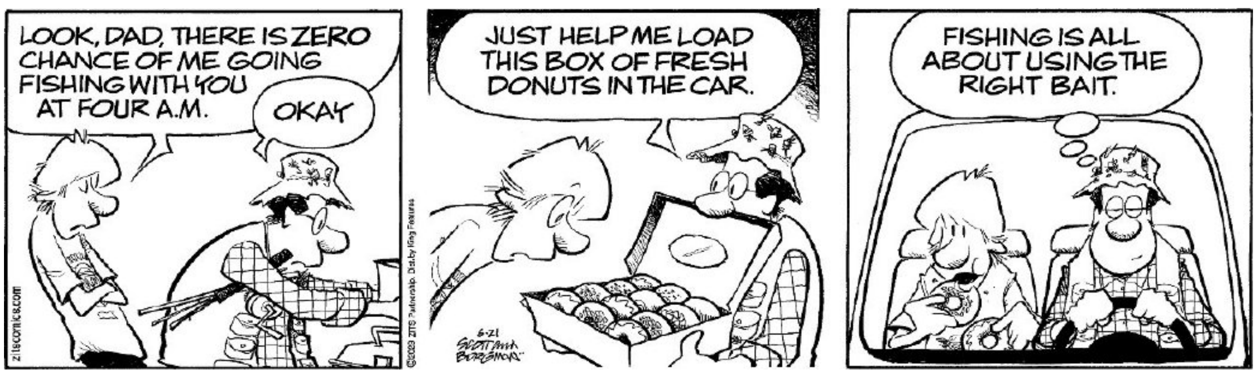
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman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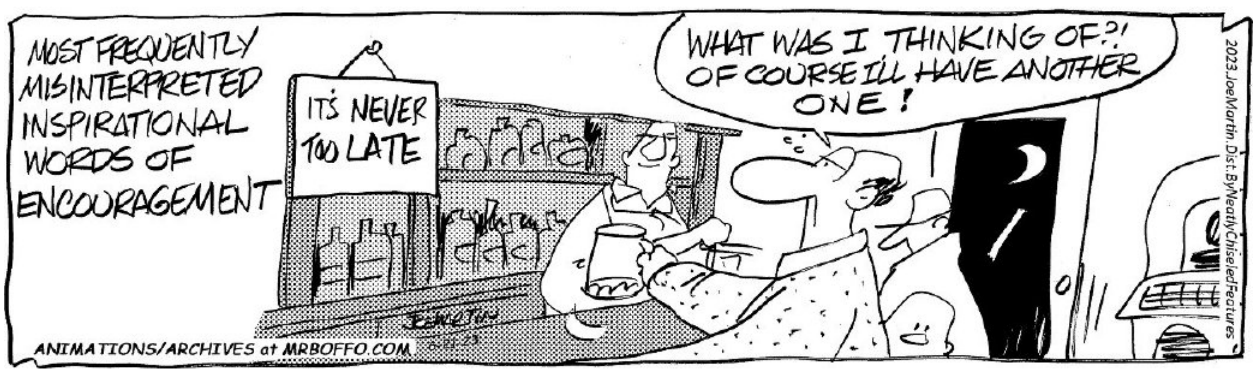
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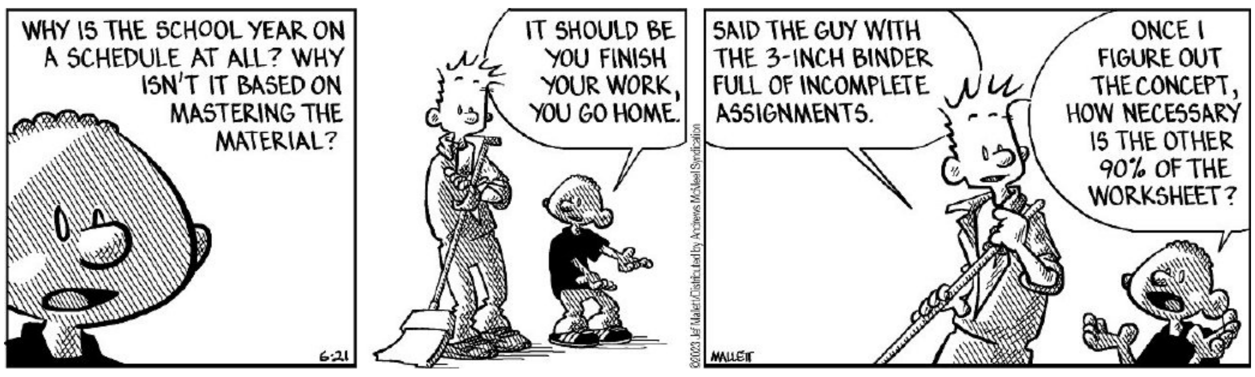
WHY IS THE SCHOOL YEAR ON A SCHEDULE AT ALL? WHY ISN'T IT BASED ON MASTERING THE MATERIAL?
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IT SHOULD BE YOU FINISH YOUR WORK, YOU GO HOME.
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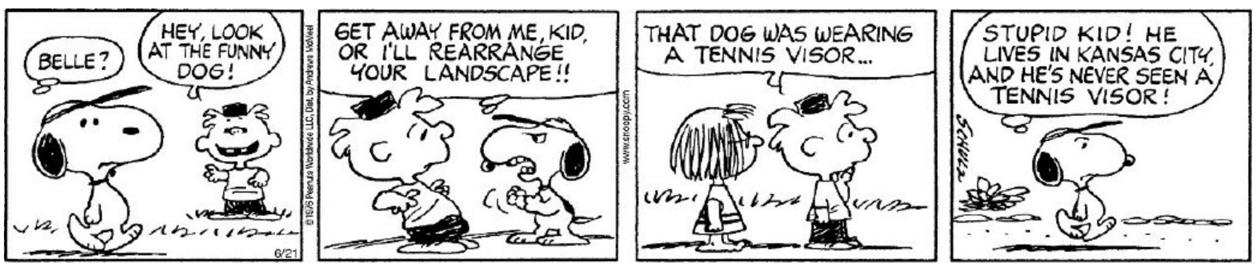
SAID THE GUY WITH THE 3-INCH BINDER FULL OF INCOMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS.
ONCE I FIGURE OUT THE CONCEPT, HOW NECESSARY IS THE OTHER 90% OF THE WORKSHEET?
MALLETT

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz


BELLE?
HEY, LOOK AT THE FUNNY DOG!
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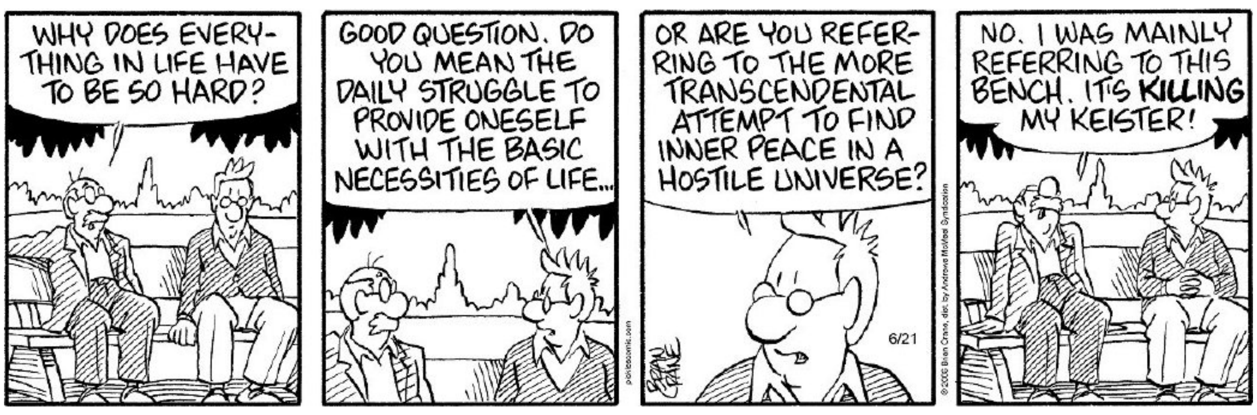
GET AWAY FROM ME, KID, OR I'LL REARRANGE YOUR LANDSCAPE!!
www.snoopy.com
THAT DOG WAS WEARING A TENNIS VISOR...
STUPID KID! HE LIVES IN KANSAS CITY, AND HE'S NEVER SEEN A TENNIS VISOR!
SCHULZ

Pickles By Brian Crane


WHY DOES EVERYTHING IN LIFE HAVE TO BE SO HARD?
GOOD QUESTION. DO YOU MEAN THE DAILY STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE ONESELF WITH THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE...
picklescomic.com
BRIAN CRANE
OR ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE MORE TRANSCENDENTAL ATTEMPT TO FIND INNER PEACE IN A HOSTILE UNIVERSE?
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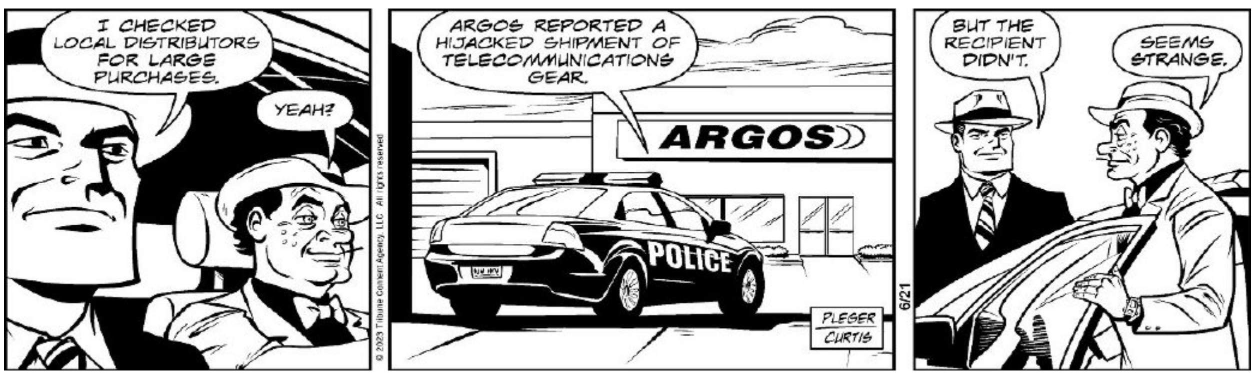
NO. I WAS MAINLY REFERRING TO THIS BENCH. IT'S KILLING MY KEISTER!

Dick Tracy By Shelley Pleger and Mike Curtis


I CHECKED LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS FOR LARGE PURCHASES.
YEAH?
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ARGOS REPORTED A HIJACKED SHIPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS GEAR.
ARGOS
POLICE
PLEGER CURTIS
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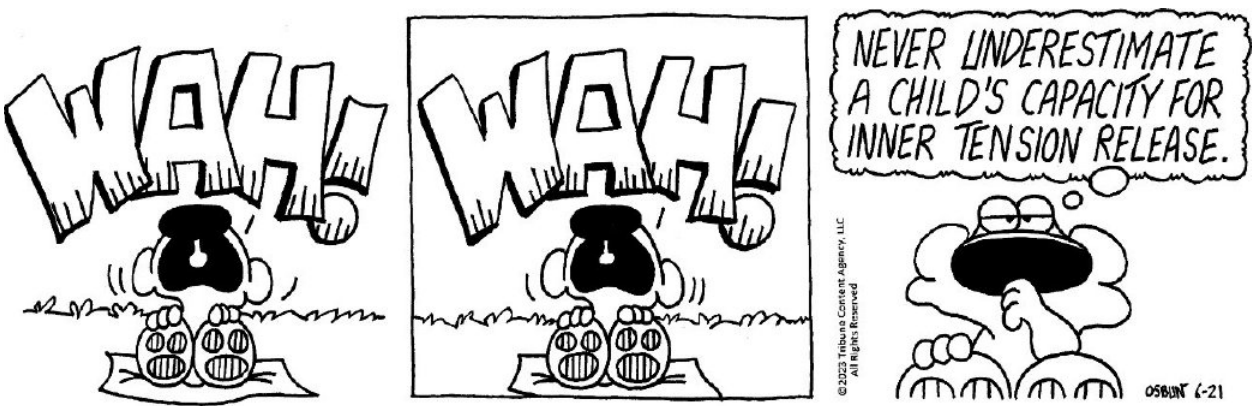
BUT THE RECIPIENT DIDN'T.
SEEMS STRANGE.

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


WAH!
WAH!
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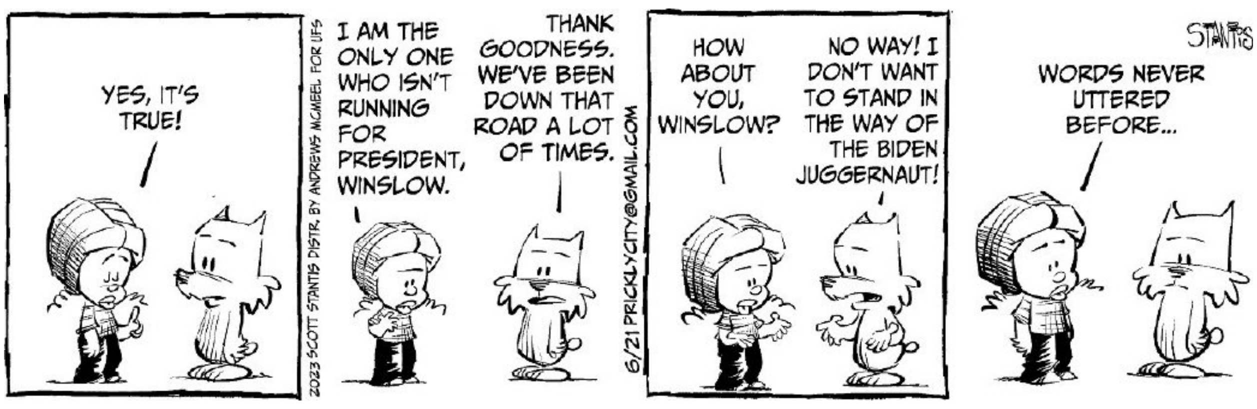
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE A CHILD'S CAPACITY FOR INNER TENSION RELEASE.
OSBUN 6-21

Prickly City By Scott Stantis


YES, IT'S TRUE!
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I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT, WINSLOW.
THANK GOODNESS. WE'VE BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD A LOT OF TIMES.
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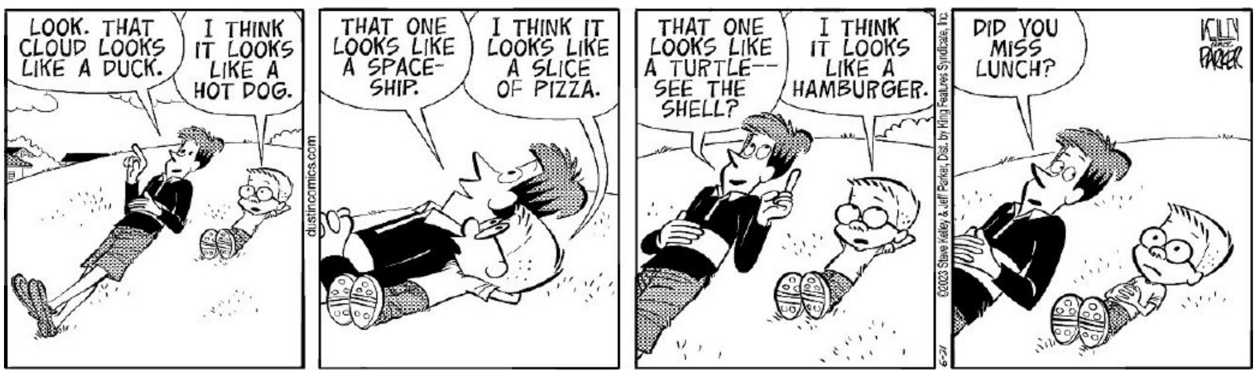
HOW ABOUT YOU, WINSLOW?
NO WAY! I DON'T WANT TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THE BIDEN JUGGERNAUT!
STANTIS
WORDS NEVER UTTERED BEFORE...

Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker


LOOK. THAT CLOUD LOOKS LIKE A DUCK.
I THINK IT LOOKS LIKE A HOT DOG.
THAT ONE LOOKS LIKE A SPACE-SHIP.
I THINK IT LOOKS LIKE A SLICE OF PIZZA.
THAT ONE LOOKS LIKE A TURTLE-- SEE THE SHELL?
I THINK IT LOOKS LIKE A HAMBURGER.
DID YOU MISS LUNCH?
KELLEY PARKER
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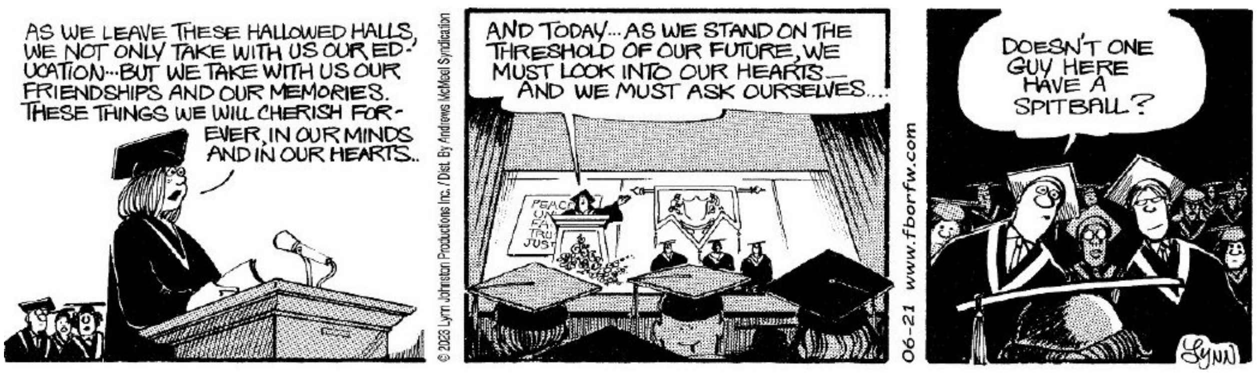
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


AS WE LEAVE THESE HALLOWED HALLS, WE NOT ONLY TAKE WITH US OUR EDUCATION...BUT WE TAKE WITH US OUR FRIENDSHIPS AND OUR MEMORIES. THESE THINGS WE WILL CHERISH FOREVER, IN OUR MINDS AND IN OUR HEARTS..
AND TODAY...AS WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF OUR FUTURE, WE MUST LOOK INTO OUR HEARTS... AND WE MUST ASK OURSELVES...
DOESN'T ONE GUY HERE HAVE A SPITBALL?
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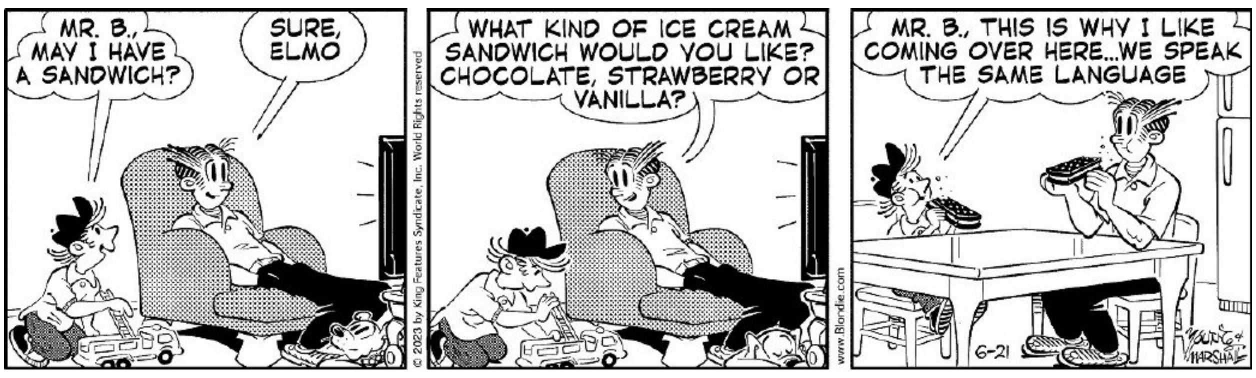
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


MR. B., MAY I HAVE A SANDWICH?
SURE, ELMO
WHAT KIND OF ICE CREAM SANDWICH WOULD YOU LIKE? CHOCOLATE, STRAWBERRY OR VANILLA?
MR. B., THIS IS WHY I LIKE COMING OVER HERE...WE SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE
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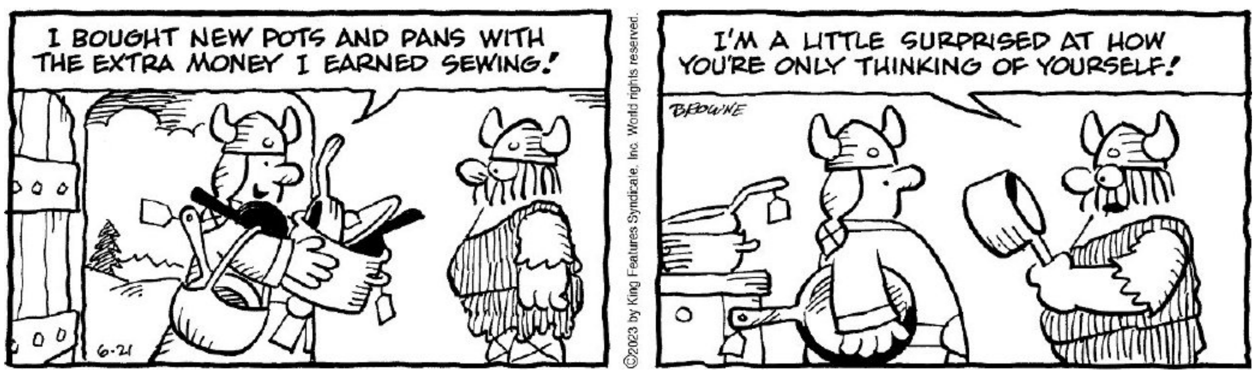
YOUNG MARSHALL

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne


I BOUGHT NEW POTS AND PANS WITH THE EXTRA MONEY I EARNED SEWING!
I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED AT HOW YOU'RE ONLY THINKING OF YOURSELF!
BROWNE
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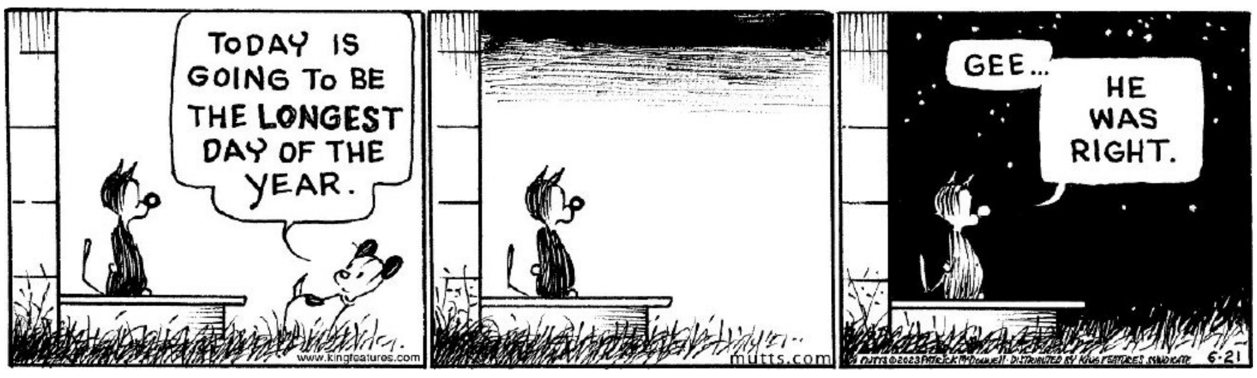
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


TODAY IS GOING TO BE THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR.
GEE...
HE WAS RIGHT.
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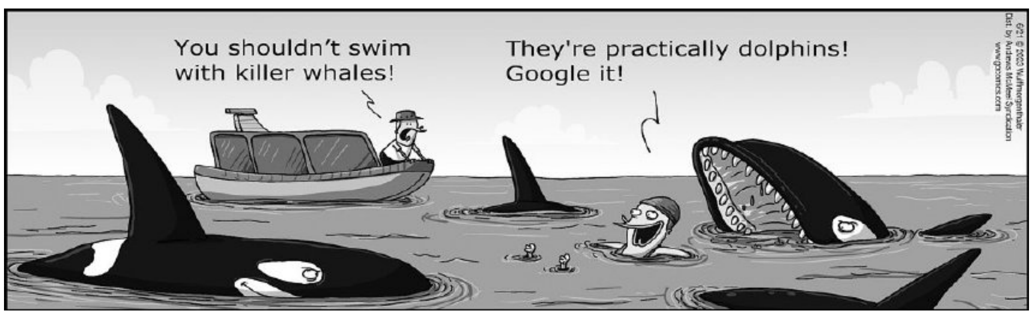
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler


You shouldn't swim with killer whales!
They're practically dolphins! Google it!
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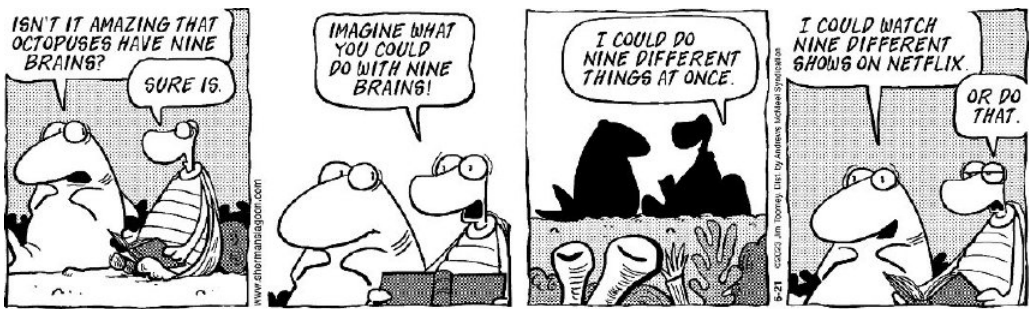
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


ISN'T IT AMAZING THAT OCTOPUSES HAVE NINE BRAINS?
SURE IS.
IMAGINE WHAT YOU COULD DO WITH NINE BRAINS!
I COULD DO NINE DIFFERENT THINGS AT ONCE.
I COULD WATCH NINE DIFFERENT SHOWS ON NETFLIX.
OR DO THAT.
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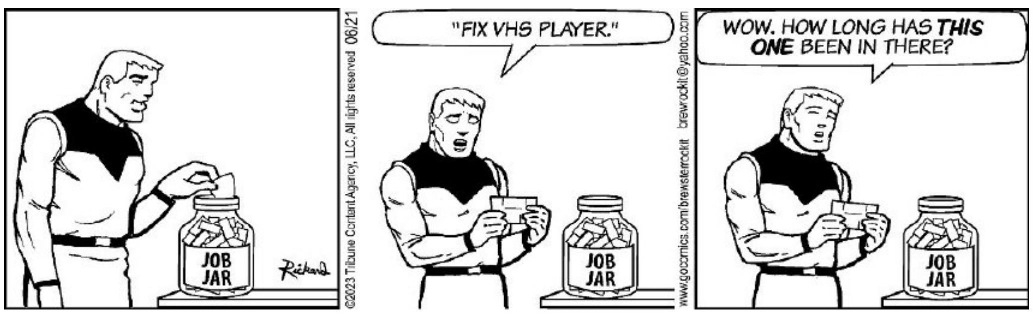
Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


JOB JAR
Rickard
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"FIX VHS PLAYER."
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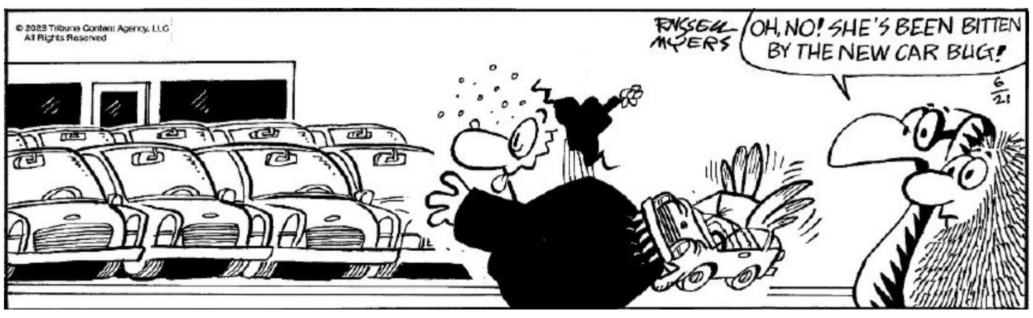
WOW. HOW LONG HAS THIS ONE BEEN IN THERE?

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers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RUSSELL MYERS
OH, NO! SHE'S BEEN BITTEN BY THE NEW CAR BUG!
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Trivia Bits

Which character in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is the queen of the fairies?

A) Hermia
B) Thisbe
C) Titania
D) Viola

Tuesday's answer: The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted women the right to vote.

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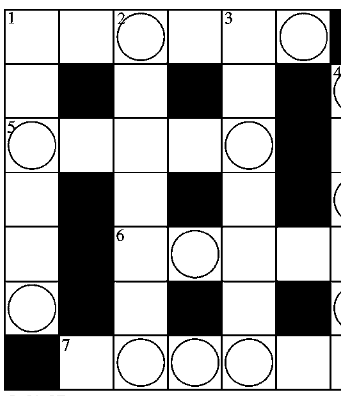
Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Payment, prize	RWRDAE
5. Theme, design	FITOM
6. Refuge	SOSIA
7. Swiped	LOETNS

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Eliminate	MEREVO
2. Lacking	UIOWTTH
3. Rejection	RAFLUES
4. Picked	SENHOC

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This band, which formed in London in 1967, sold more than 120 million records.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○ ○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Reward 5A-Motif 6A-Oasis 7A-Stolen 1D-Remove 2D-Without 3D-Refusal 4D-Chosen B-Fleetwood Mac

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

6/21

1	8		7	6		5	9	
		6				4		
7					4			
4				8			2	5
	7			1				9
			2					3
		8						
	2	3		9	8		6	4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

5	9	7	1	3	4	6	8	2
1	8	2	5	9	6	3	7	4
6	3	4	8	7	2	1	5	9
7	5	3	6	2	1	9	4	8
4	1	8	9	5	7	2	3	6
2	6	9	4	8	3	7	1	5
8	7	6	3	4	9	5	2	1
9	2	5	7	1	8	4	6	3
3	4	1	2	6	5	8	9	7

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Jumble

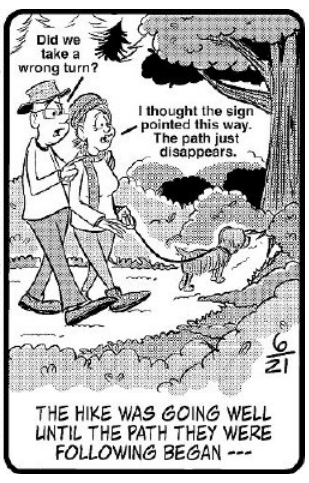
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

RDUFA
○○○□□

VROSI
□○□○□

SUFINE
○○○□□□

LUGTEL
○□□○□○


Did we take a wrong turn?
I thought the sign pointed this way. The path just disappears.
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THE HIKE WAS GOING WELL UNTIL THE PATH THEY WERE FOLLOWING BEGAN ---

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Answer here

○○○○○○○○ ○○○

Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: GUILT OZONE REMOVE VENDOR
Answer: It only took her two minutes to get to the golf course, and now she wanted a — LONG DRIVE

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Crossword

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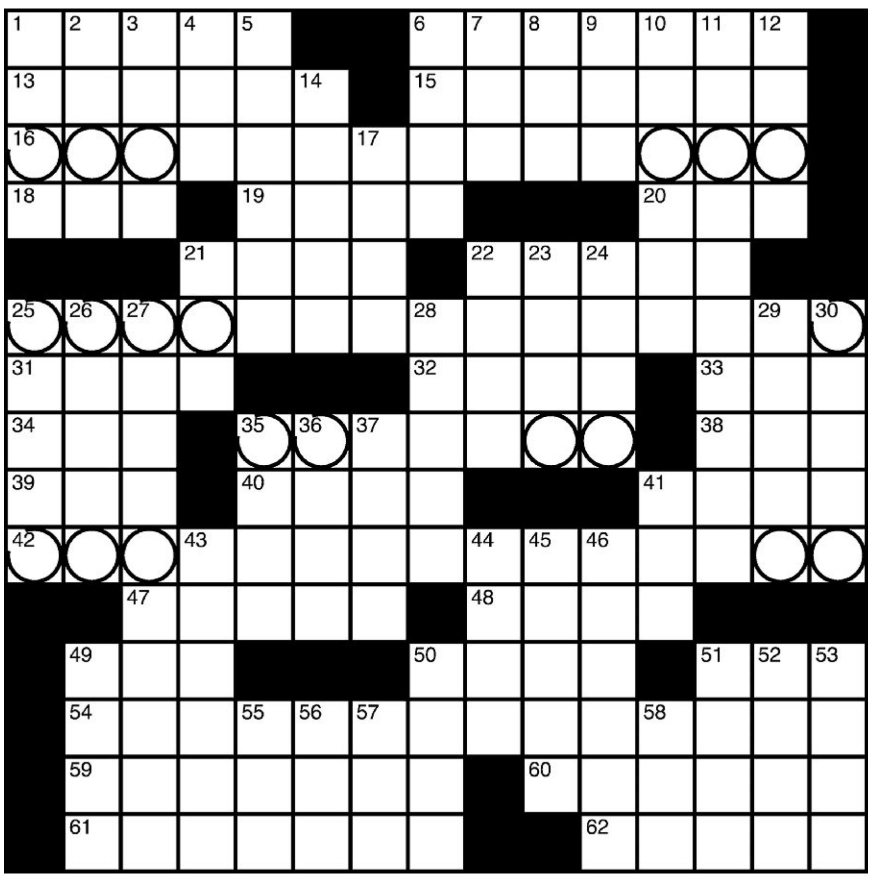

Across

1 Chaparral growth
6 Place to soak some barking dogs
13 Indigenous New Zealanders
15 Underhanded course of action
16 Fruity frozen treat
18 Precious stone
19 Release, as an album
20 Chats online, briefly
21 Beach bucket
22 "Rumor has it ... "
25 Pursue additional education, e.g.
31 Spring flower
32 Fish in a swarm
33 Ctrl-__-Del
34 Not 'neath
35 Spanish "I like"
38 "Obvi"
39 Comedian DeLaria
40 Notable times
41 Ballet leap
42 Slips, bras, etc.
47 Express big feelings, maybe
48 Transit option to NYC's Roosevelt Island
49 Web access co.
50 "Any minute now"
51 WNBA honor for A'ja Wilson in 2020 and 2022
54 Corporations with little business activity, and what are formed by the circled letters
59 Item on a laundry list?
60 Campfire treats
61 Bounding main
62 Prevent, as disaster

Down

1 Dark cloud on the horizon?
2 Largest lagomorph
3 Cover a lot of ground
4 Mantle piece
5 Circled square on a calendar, maybe
6 First three community cards in Texas Hold 'em
7 Alley-__
8 Hurt sounds
9 Start to cycle?
10 __ media
11 Expert who relies on a show of hands
12 Citrus drinks
14 Calligrapher's flourish
17 Casual top
21 "Thx" counterpart
22 Fruity frozen treats
23 "NBC Nightly News" anchor Lester
24 Pataky of "Fast & Furious" films
25 Garlicky dip
26 Take a long look in the mirror?
27 Vessel that may fly the Jolly Roger
28 Waste reduction strategy
29 Muscle used in a squat, informally
30 Broadway icon Merman
35 "Someone didn't get the __"
36 Part of Q.E.D.
37 Scandal suffix
41 Printer problem
43 Hold up
44 Bonding partner
45 Play things?
46 Country that connects the Americas
49 Analogy phrase
50 Word with bread or cracker
51 Slimy mud
52 Swerve
53 "Over here!" in a library voice
55 Ballroom dancer Goodman
56 Vinyl records, briefly
57 Cedar Rapids campus
58 Native American Heritage mo.

Tuesday's solution

A	S	O	F		A	R	T	I	E		N	I	B	S
B	A	N	A		M	I	A	M	I		O	T	T	O
Y	U	R	T		F	C	L	E	F		H	A	U	L
S	N	A	I	L	M	A	I	L	F	A	I	L		
S	A	M	M	Y				D	E	N	T	I	S	T
		P	A	L	E	W	H	A	L	E	T	A	L	E
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H	A	N	S		K	I	L	O	S		R	O	W	S
A	T	B	A	Y			A	L	I	T				
S	T	A	L	E	K	A	L	E	S	A	L	E		
H	A	D	A	T	I	T				L	O	T	S	A
		R	A	I	L	T	R	A	I	L	N	A	I	L
I	M	A	M		T	I	E	U	P		E	L	M	O
C	A	F	E		E	L	E	N	A		L	I	O	N
E	S	T	D		R	A	F	T	S		Y	A	N	G

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SUDOKU

			2		9		8	
	8			5		9	1	
					8			6
		7				8	9	
3				2				4
	9	4				2		
7			5					
	4	9		1			6	
	6		3		2			

Level 1 **2** 3 4

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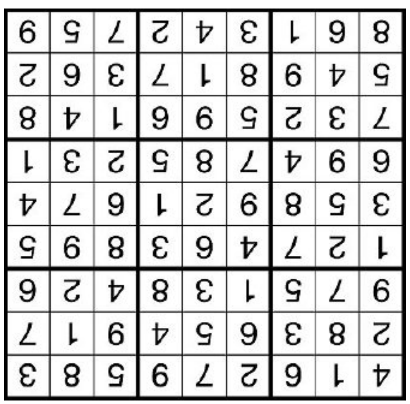

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3	5	8	9	2	1	6	7	4
6	9	4	7	8	5	2	3	1
7	3	2	5	9	6	1	4	8
5	4	9	8	1	7	3	6	2
8	6	1	3	4	2	7	5	9

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Cattle

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

P R V W K H L I H C A H E R D D M W
V D E H D O U T E Q Z J E A M U E F
G J A F Y O L F R T A I L M Y M A F
M D U C I V K X B F J A I F P R T W
P S C U P E J J I N U V V E M M O N
G E K P V S H H V K U I E N P A Z I
K V A H A R Z B O K W C S C Y V M A
F L X O F Z I B R F W J T I R E U R
I A C R R S E X E F B D O N E R J G
F C A N O A S B U L L V C G H I S W
U O T N V L Y A H U Y B K Q T C Z M
K I T W A P Z I R R G E O O A K O K
X T L A N A R X I G I E B F E O N L
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Q R H F A L A Q A A B N A S W J G N
A A A K Q O J W W R X I F U D D E R
Q A Y M X O W K X G B Z N R I B I Q

BEEF
BISON
BOVINE
BRAND
BULL
CALVES
CATTLE
CREAM
CUD
DAIRY

FARM
FENCING
GRAIN
GRASS
GRAZE
HAY
HEIFER
HERBIVORE
HERD
HOOVES

HORN
LEATHER
LIVESTOCK
MAVERICK
MEAT
MILK
MOO
MUD
TAIL
UDDER

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BOGGLE

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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7 letters = 6 points	21 - 30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11 - 20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0 - 10 = Try again

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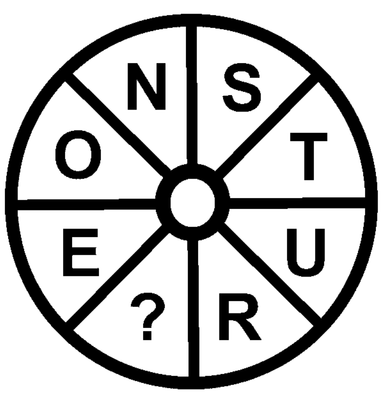
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

STURGEON

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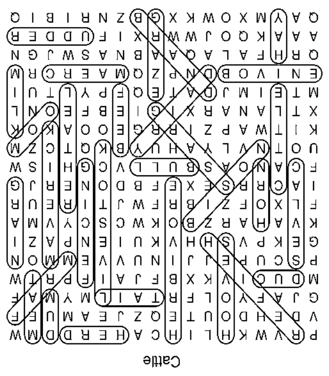

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TV CROSSWORD

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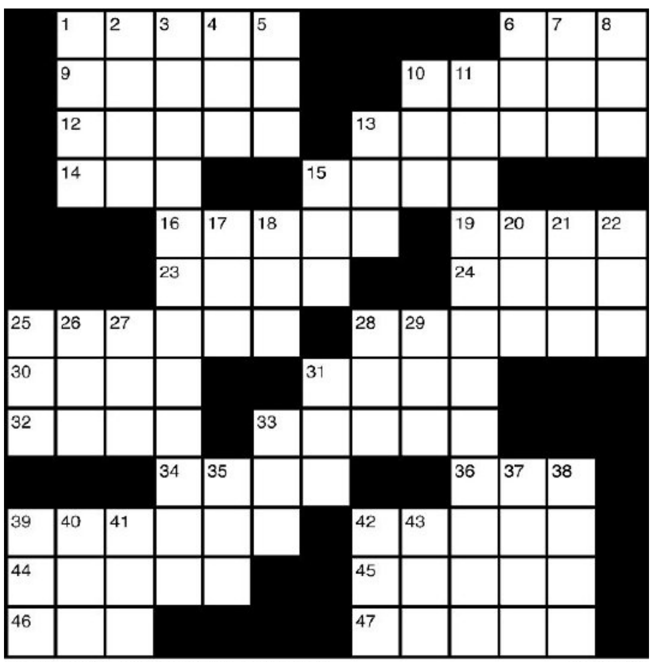

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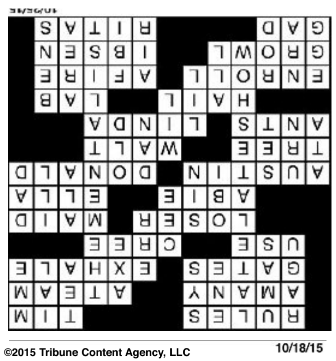
ACROSS
1 "__ of Engagement"
6 Conway or Allen
9 "Love Is __ Splendored Thing"
10 "The __"; adventure series for George Peppard
12 Microsoft's Bill
13 "Waiting to __"; movie for Whitney Houston
14 Take advantage of
15 Actress Summer
16 "The Biggest __"
19 "__ in Manhattan"; Jennifer Lopez film
23 Lover of an Irish Rose
24 "Queen of Jazz"
25 "__ Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me"; Mike Myers film
28 Daisy Duck's love
30 "One __ Hill"
31 Lead role on "Breaking Bad"
32 Crawling bugs
33 Actress Lavin
34 Pellets of frozen rain
36 Scientist's workplace
39 Sign up
42 "Hearts __"; John Ritter series
44 Greeting from an angry dog
45 "A Doll's House" playwright
46 Word with fly or about
47 Hayworth and Moreno

DOWN
1 Spaghetti topper
2 Thurman and her namesakes
3 "The __ with James Corden"
4 180˚ from WSW
5 Respiratory or circulatory: abbr.
6 Actress Leoni
7 Suffix for part or tutor
8 Butterfly or Bovary: abbr.
10 "So I Married an __ Murderer"; Nancy Travis movie
11 Simon Baker series
13 Goof up
15 Average grade
17 Geisha's sash
18 "__ City"; crime thriller for Bruce Willis and Mickey Rourke
20 Jim Nabors' state of birth: abbr.
21 "__ Fly Away"
22 "American __!"
25 "Once Day __ Time"
26 Fancy vase
27 __ up; arrange
28 Mr. Rather
29 "The New Adventures of __ Christine"
31 Actor Wheaton
33 "Diamond __"; play for Mae West
35 "__ My Children"
37 Zone
38 Stiller and Stein
39 "The __ and I"; Fred MacMurray movie
40 Gun rights org.
41 Serling of "The Twilight Zone"
42 "Con __"; film for Nicolas Cage
43 "The __"; crime drama series for Efrem Zimbalist, Jr.



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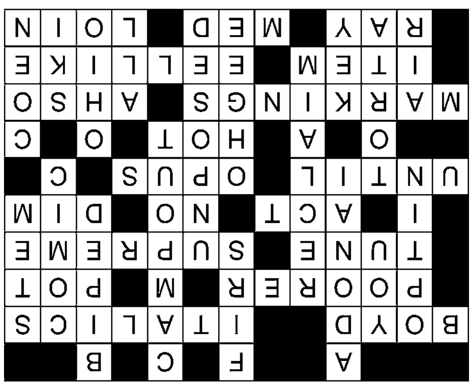

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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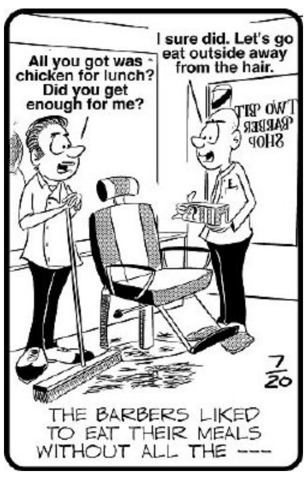
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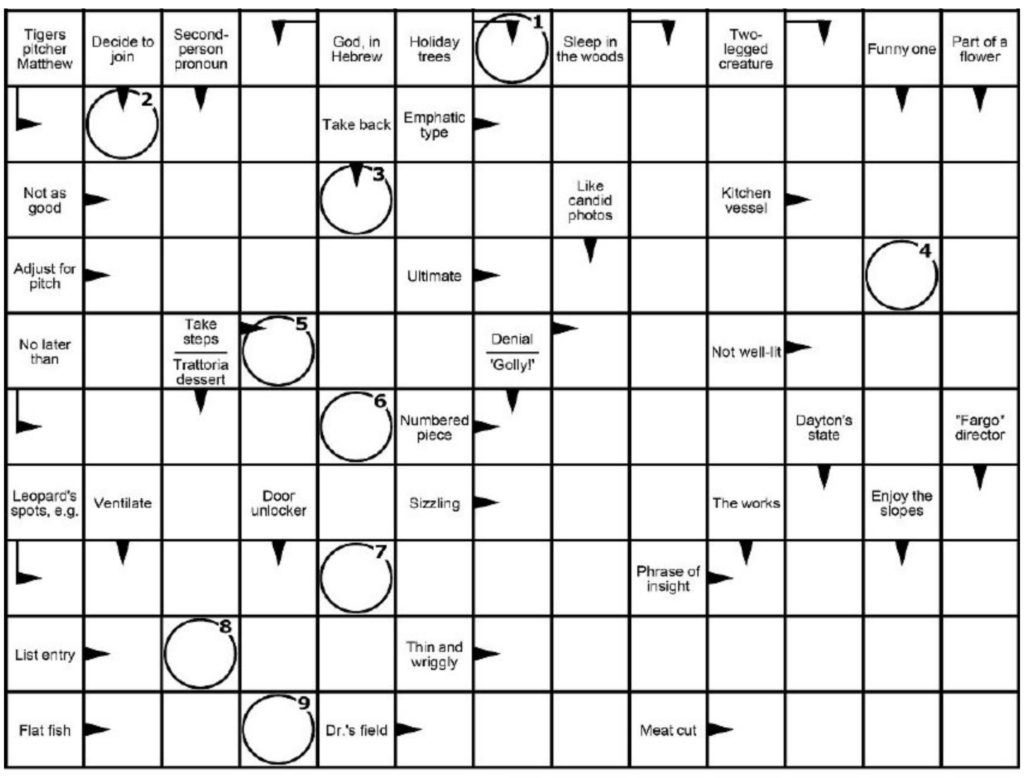
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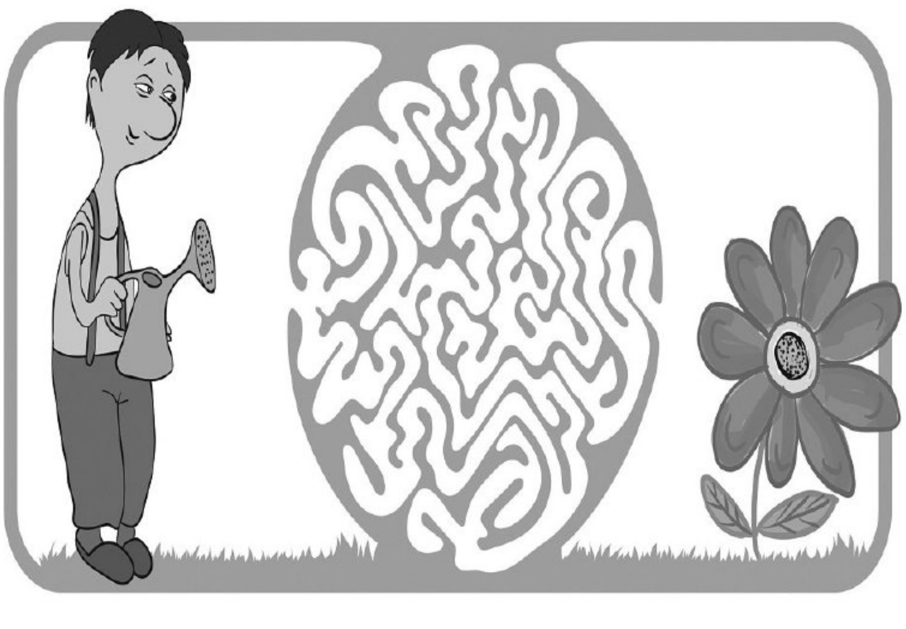

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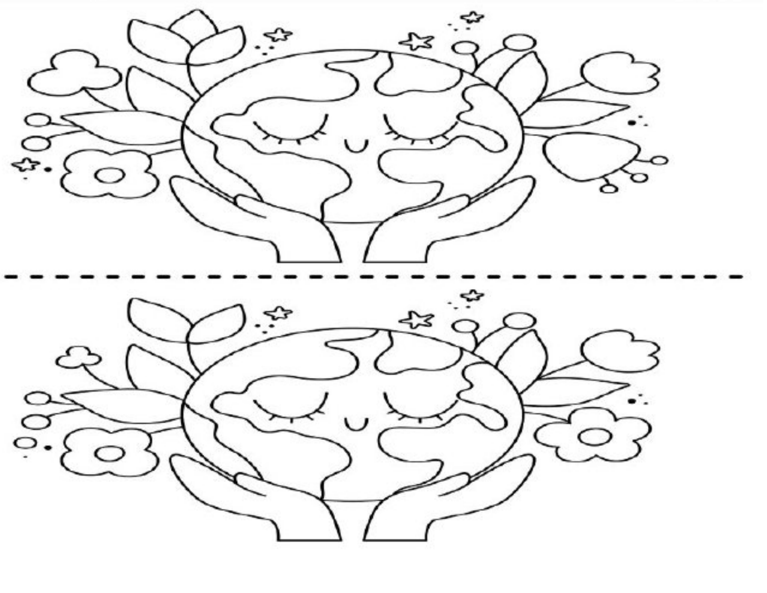
PUZZLE TIME

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Cubs starting pitcher Marcus Stroman delivers during the first inning Tuesday against the Pirates in Pittsburgh. **GENE J. PUSKAR/AP**

CUBS 4, PIRATES 0

Cub ripe for a snub?

Stroman has stuff to start All-Star game except ...

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

PITTSBURGH — All-Star voting tabulations released Tuesday provided a clue to the Cubs' chances of sending a position player to the Midsummer Classic in Seattle.

No one was higher than fifth at their position, so barring a late surge of votes the next two days, none of your favorite Cubs will be in the starting lineup.

Dansby Swanson, who led all shortstops in WAR on Tuesday, could be selected as a reserve, and manager David Ross also mentioned Ian Happ and Seiya Suzuki as possibilities, while lobbying for Christopher Morel to get an invite to the Home Run Derby.

But the Cubs' only sure bet for Seattle appears to be pitcher Marcus Stroman, who threw seven shutout innings Tuesday in a 4-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Stroman, who improved to 9-4 with his seventh straight win, leads the National League with a 2.28 ERA, while his 14 quality starts leads the majors. Home runs by Tucker Barnhart and Mike Tauchman helped the Cubs to their ninth win in 11 games and their fourth straight series win.

Stroman appears likely to be selected as a member of the National League staff, and based on his current numbers could be in line to become the first Cubs pitcher to start an All-Star game since Claude Passeau in 1946.

"Accolades are never something (I look for)," Stroman said. "I'm just trying to do my deal for the team here. Hopefully we can start winning some games, stay hot and make a playoff push. That's the goal."

Stroman has the numbers, but the best stats don't always decide who starts the game. Five starters and three relievers for each league will be selected by a "player ballot," and Stroman is a shoo-in for that.

Once the rosters are announced and the teams have congregated in Seattle, the Commissioner's Office, in consultation with the respective managers of the teams — Houston's Dusty Baker and Philadelphia's Rob Thomson in this case — select the two starters.

That means Commissioner Rob Manfred could have some say. Yes, that's the same Manfred

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WHITE SOX 7, RANGERS 6

One is the loneliest number

After streak of solo homers, Sox look to hit more with runners on

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Andrew Vaughn and Luis Robert Jr. provided instant offense for the White Sox on Monday against the Texas Rangers.

Vaughn connected on an Andrew Heaney slider for a home run to left with two outs and nobody on in the sixth inning at Guaranteed Rate Field. Five pitches later, Robert homered to center off a Heaney fastball.

It was the third time in the last five games the Sox went back-to-back.

Oddly enough, it was also the eighth and ninth consecutive solo home run for the team.

That streak came to an end in the first inning Tuesday with a two-run homer by Eloy Jiménez.

The Sox have hit at least one homer in 12 of their last 15 games, with Jiménez's first-inning blast giving the team a total of 23 during the stretch.

The homer, with Vaughn on base, was exactly what the team has been looking for and what was missing in previous games.

"It's making a truth of the point that solos don't beat you, crooked numbers beat you," manager Pedro Grifol said before Tuesday's game against the Rangers. "I'm happy that we're hitting the ball in the air more, I'm happy we're hitting homers. Now, we've got to add the other component to it, we've got to get on base prior to those homers."

Vaughn singled to right with one out in the first on Tuesday. Jiménez followed with the two-run homer to right-center, snapping the solo streak.

The nine consecutive solo homers were the franchise's longest such streak since 12 straight from Sept. 13-20, 2020, according to Elias.

"We're driving the ball better, more extra-base hits, we've just got to string together more of them in a row," right fielder Gavin Sheets told the Tribune on Tuesday. "Never going to complain about solo homers, but it's tough to win with just solo homers.

"We're collectively doing a

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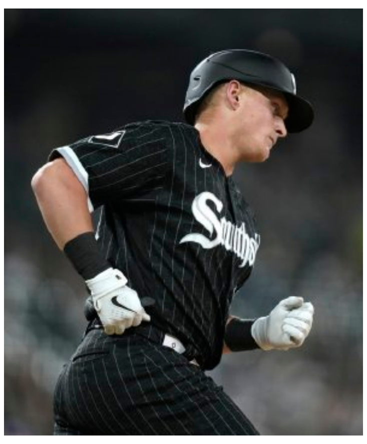

The White Sox's Andrew Vaughn rounds first after his home run Monday at Guaranteed Rate Field. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP**

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Healthy Spillane heats up for ThunderBolts

Bren Spillane waits on deck for the Windy City ThunderBolts against the Slammers during a 2022 game at Duly Health and Care Field in Joliet. **MIKE MANTUCCA/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

Illinois product, a former Reds draft pick, stars in Frontier League

By Steve Millar
For Daily Southtown

Whether it was a foul ball that came down in the wrong spot, a collision with an opponent or an attempt at a diving catch that went awry, outfielder Bren Spillane has dealt with many of what he calls "fluky" injuries throughout his five-year career in the minor leagues.

Spillane, a Wheeling native and University of Illinois product, has had more than his share of misfortune. But the 26-year-old has learned not to wallow in it with the Windy City ThunderBolts.

"At first, I started to think about having bad luck," Spillane said. "But I stopped thinking about it. These are the cards I've been dealt with. God's put me here for a reason, put me on this path for a reason. I'm going to own it and roll with the punches."

Spillane has not taken many hits this season. He has played nearly every day for the T-Bolts (12-21) while being one of the most consistent hitters in the Frontier League.

He's hitting .304 with five home runs and 14 RBIs over 31 games, including a .391 on-base percentage and a .536 slugging percentage.

Most importantly, he's felt great.

"I'm as healthy as I can be, and I'm just excited to be playing every day," Spillane said. "Being healthy is more than half the battle — that is the battle for me."

In his third and final season at Illinois in 2018, Spillane hit .389 with 23 homers and 60 RBIs. He was named player of the year in the Big Ten and earned consensus first team All-American honors.

The Cincinnati Reds drafted Spillane in the third round of the 2018 MLB draft.

Having succeeded at such a

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Tony Baranek

Heart of the matter

Penrod, a Lyons graduate, returns with cool car at Grundy Speedway

Christy Penrod talked about her return to street stocks before race night at Grundy County Speedway on Friday. **TONY BARANEK/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

Christy Penrod proved herself as a racing champion in 2015 when she won the street stock title at Grundy County Speedway.

The past few seasons, she has been away from the track for the most part, championing another cause — earning a degree as a cardiovascular perfusionist.

In a nutshell, Penrod operates machines that pump the blood for patients while their hearts are stopped during surgery. The Countryside resident works at the University of Chicago Medical Center in Hyde Park.

You might call her a human life preserver.

"It is definitely fulfilling to be able to do what I do," Penrod said. "Sometimes, I have to take a step back and remind myself the change my team and I make in this world, to save lives and help patients have more years to enjoy it."

To follow her very important calling, Penrod had to make some sacrifices. One of them was racing on a full-time basis.

"Unfortunately, yes," Penrod said, smiling. "But I was looking down the road. You need to get the degree and the job to pay for the race car, right?

"Now, we're back and we're having some fun. But there's some tough competition, and we're trying to find our groove."

Penrod led during the early portion of a street stock feature Friday before encountering handling problems and finishing sixth.

The car she picked for her racing comeback has an incredibly cool story behind it.

It began in 2015. Penrod, just 18 years old and freshly graduated from high school at Lyons, became the first female at Grundy to win a street stock title.

Her closest competitor for the season was Cheryl Hryn. It went down to the final night, with Penrod edging out Hryn by a 1,151-1,137 margin.

Both would rise rapidly in the ranks at Grundy, with Hryn moving up to the sportsman division and Penrod piloting a late model.

Penrod earned 2017 rookie of the year honors in her late model, finishing fifth in the points standings. She was also voted most popular driver.

When Hryn moved up in class, she sold her street stock to Scotty Gardner, who drove it to a division title in 2022. When Gardner put the car up for sale last winter, Penrod made an inquiry.

"I told him I was in the market for a street stock," Penrod said. "I was like, 'Where did you get this car from?' He said it was from Cheryl. I said, 'No way.'

"When I asked Cheryl, sure enough, it was the car that I beat in 2015. Obviously, there have been some changes on it, but on the passenger side roll bar, there is a heat race win sticker from 2015. I'm keeping it there for good luck."

After Penrod won the title in 2015, she talked about Hryn being her mentor. Beyond the rivalry, their friendship grew.

"Once I got out of the street stock, I got to know Cheryl better as a person," Penrod said. "She is the greatest person. With everything she does for racing, especially all of her Kids Nights, she has a heart of gold."

When Hryn found out Penrod bought the Camaro from Gardner, she reached out not only with congratulations but also hopped on board on as a sponsor.

Why?

"I love her," Hryn said. "And it's my old car. Seriously, I'm really happy she has it. When Scotty was selling it, I was debating on buying the car back myself. But I waited and waited.

"When I heard Christy wanted it, I just let things be. And the more I thought about it, I was like, 'Oh, my God, she's literally buying the car I drove in the championship run with her.' "

Tell me if that's not the coolest story.

"Oh, it's really cool," Hryn said, laughing. "I hope she wins with it, and I'll be running out there to take a picture with her."

The Windy City ThunderBolts' Bren Spillane takes a high pitch against the Joliet Slammers during a game Duly Health and Care Field in Joliet on July 2. **MIKE MANTUCCA/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

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high level in the past, Spillane is confident he can do it again. That's what has kept him going through the injury-plagued past few seasons.

"What's made me stick with it is that I'm a big leaguer," Spillane said. "I am a big leaguer. I have the talent for it. It's just been about staying on the field. I'm not going to stop until I get there."

In his first season last summer with the T-Bolts, Spillane hit .232 with 12 home runs and 40 RBIs. He was slowed by a fractured foot that he played on throughout the second half after fouling off a ball.

That was just the latest in a long line of injuries.

"When I was with the Reds in high-A, I was playing first for the first time all year and there was a ball up the line and a guy ran through my glove and my UCL snapped in my thumb," he said. "Rookie ball, I had a partially torn labrum just like diving. It's just been random things. Things out of my control."

Richie Sexson, in his first year as Windy City's manager, has been impressed by Spillane, who has been the one consistent bright spot in a struggling lineup.

"He's been a blessing," Sexson said. "He's doing everything we could ask him to do. I try to take care of him. It's tough playing every day on turf. He's in center field, so it's more of a track meet for him.

"When you're in center, you're running a lot. I'll give him a day off to rest his body, and then he'll go out there for 20 more in a row."

Spillane is hoping to stay hot and impress some MLB scouts. He's going to the plate with confidence every time.

"Just playing every day is huge," he said. "I knew coming into the season that I was going to try to play every single day. I told myself to not even think about the injuries.

"I knew if I could stay healthy, good things were going to happen. There's never been a doubt in my mind about the talent."

Steve Millar is a freelance reporter for the Daily Southtown.

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White Sox outfielder Luis Robert Jr. watches his home run Monday in the sixth inning. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP**

RANGERS 5, WHITE SOX 2 LATE MONDAY

Sox come up empty late

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Tanner Banks became the first left-hander to start for the White Sox in more than one year when he served as the opener Monday against the Rangers.

Things didn't break right for the Sox, falling 5-2 in the series opener in front of 19,554 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Andrew Vaughn and Luis Robert Jr. hit back-to-back homers in the sixth to get the Sox within 3-2.

The Rangers responded with a pair of two-out runs in the seventh against reliever Aaron Bummer. All five of the runs for the Rangers came with two outs.

The Sox loaded the bases with one out in the eighth, but Yasmani Grandal and Jake Burger struck out. They brought the tying run to the plate in the ninth and again came up empty as the team lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

"I liked the fact (Banks, Nick Padilla and Jesse Scholtens) went in and threw strikes, they competed, attack the strike zone," Sox manager Pedro Grifol said. "They got beat a couple of times here and there, but for the most part they were aggressive in the strike zone against really good hitters.

"You tell me before the game those guys would give us six innings of a quality start, I'm taking it. They got us to the heart of our bullpen. We had opportunities to get the big hit and we didn't tonight."

The loss dropped the Sox to 12 games under .500 (31-43). But they remained 5 ½ games out of first in the American League Central after the division-leading Twins (36-37) lost. There are no teams in the division with a winning record.

"I was talking with Pedro before the game and I was like, 'Man, we keep losing but you look up and we're not losing ground right now,' " said Vaughn, who went 2-for-5. "We've got 90-something games left, there's time to do it. But got to start sooner rather than later."

Banks allowed three runs on five hits with three strikeouts in 3 ⅔ innings in his first big-league start.

"I was excited going into it, to be able to check that box that I started a game in the big leagues," Banks said. "Really to go out there, take the ball and give the team as much length as I could to put us in the best position moving forward, especially since it was a bullpen game.

"However I can take the ball and help the team, I'm happy to do so."

Padilla allowed three hits in 1 ⅔ scoreless innings and Scholtens followed with two-thirds of a scoreless inning.

With Banks on the hill, the Sox snapped a streak of 191 consecutive games with a right-handed starter. That was the longest active streak in baseball (Minnesota was next at 141), the second-longest in Sox history (only topped by 194 from Sept. 7, 1933 to May 19, 1935) and the longest in baseball since Cleveland (417) from 2017-21, according to Elias.

Banks became the first lefty to start for the Sox since Dallas Keuchel on May 26, 2022, against Boston.

He was in position to make the start after Mike Clevinger went on the injured list with a right biceps inflammation after leaving Wednesday's game early against the Dodgers in Los Angeles.

Banks was stung by two-out damage in the first and third innings, with Josh Jung playing a role both times.

Jung singled with two outs in the first and scored on Adolis García's double. Jung homered in the third.

A two-out RBI single by Mitch Garver against Padilla made it 3-0 in the fourth.

The back-to-back homers by Vaughn, his 10th, and Robert, his team-leading 18th, got the Sox back in the game. The Sox have 12 homers in their last six games, 11 of which are solo.

"I'm happy we are hitting the homers, I like homers," Grifol said. "We just have to find a way to get guys on prior to them. Turn those solos into crooked numbers."

The Rangers bounced back with a two-out, two-run single by Jonah Heim.

Trailing 5-2 in the eighth, Andrew Benintendi singled and then with one out Robert and Eloy Jiménez reached on a single and fielding error, respectively. Grandal and Burger both went down swinging against Josh Sborz.

Clint Frazier walked and Elvis Andrus singled to begin the ninth. Will Smith struck out Zach Remillard. Benintendi lined out and Vaughn grounded out as the Sox went 0-for-9 with runners in scoring position.

"We battled, just didn't happen," Grifol said. "Couldn't get the big hit."

White Sox designated hitter Eloy Jiménez celebrates after hitting a two-run home run in the first inning Tuesday against the Rangers at Guaranteed Rate Field. It broke a streak of nine straight solo homers for the Sox. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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much better job of it, we're driving the ball better. Now we've just got to put together more consistency and do it when guys are on base, too. We're working on it."

And it did Tuesday.

Prior to Jiménez's homer, the Sox hadn't done so with someone on base since June 14, when Jake Burger hit a game-tying two-run homer in the eighth inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium.

Since then, Robert and Eloy Jiménez went back-to-back in the first and Burger and Vaughn did likewise in the fourth inning Thursday in Los Angeles to account for all the offense in a 5-4 loss in 11 innings.

Sheets hit a one-out homer in the fifth inning and Andrew Benintendi hit his first of the season in the sixth inning on Friday in a 3-2 loss to Seattle.

Jiménez went deep leading off the second Saturday against the Mariners, while Vaughn and Robert had the homers for the only runs in Monday's 5-2 loss to the Rangers.

Some of the recent changes to the batting order, like inserting Benintendi in the leadoff spot, were done, in part, to generate more traffic on the bases ahead of the team's sluggers

Patience at the plate could lead to more opportunities with runners on base. The Sox entered Tuesday last in the majors with 180 walks.

"We're getting ourselves in some pretty good counts and then we're chasing when we get ourselves in those counts," Grifol said. "I think that's wanting to do a little too much instead of like, 'You know what? This is a ball, I'm going to go over to first base, I'm going to let the next guy do it.'

"That's when you start hitting homers with guys on base, when you just turn it over to the next guy. I mean, nine solo homers, that's hard to do. It's just another indication where, take the walk, get to first base and let the next guy do his job."

A single did the job of setting up Jiménez on Tuesday.

Sox place Garrett Crochet on the IL: Reliever Garrett Crochet went on the 15-day injured list with left shoulder inflammation, the Sox announced Tuesday. The move is retroactive to Saturday.

Crochet is 0-1 with a 3.60 ERA and nine strikeouts in 10 appearances since being reinstated from the injured list on May 16. The team's first-round pick in 2020, Crochet missed all last season after undergoing Tommy John surgery.

The Sox reinstated Jimmy Lambert from the IL. The right-hander, who is 2-1 with a 5.91 ERA, three holds and 24 strikeouts in 23 games (one start), retroactively went on the IL May 28 with right ankle inflammation.

In more pitching news, the Sox claimed right-handed Touki Toussaint off waivers from the Cleveland Guardians.

Toussaint, 27, made one start for the Guardians on Friday at Arizona, allowing two runs on three hits with five walks and two strikeouts in 3⅔ innings. He is 10-8 with a 5.33 ERA, 109 walks and 183 strikeouts in 58 career games (24 starts) during parts of six seasons with the Atlanta Braves (2018-21), Los Angeles Angels (2022) and Cleveland (2023).

Grifol said it's possible he'll arrive Wednesday.

"He'll join us and he'll be part of the bullpen," Grifol said. "On Friday he threw (82) pitches. So he can spot start, he can give us length out of the 'pen, he can go short. He gives us some versatility to what we're looking for."

GEORGE FRAZIER 1954-2023

Cubs pitcher, who helped win 1984 NL East title, dies

Associated Press

Oklahoma has announced that former pitcher George Frazier, a World Series champion who had a nearly three-decade run as a television broadcaster, has died at age 68.

The Denver Post reported he died Monday in Tulsa after a recent illness.

In two seasons at Oklahoma, he played on College World Series teams in 1975 and 1976 and posted a 12-4 career record with eight saves and a 2.62 ERA.

Frazier played parts of 10 Major League Baseball seasons with five clubs. He appeared in the 1981 World Series with the Yankees and helped the Cubs win their first division title in 1984 before becoming a world champion with the Twins in 1987. He pitched two scoreless innings for the Twins during Game 4 of that World Series against St. Louis. He posted a career 4.20 ERA with 35 wins and 29 saves in 415 MLB appearances.

After that, he spent 18 years as a television broadcaster with the Rockies.

He returned to Oklahoma in 2015 as a color analyst on television broadcasts through the 2023 season. Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione called Frazier's commentary a "witty, insightful and uniquely entertaining perspective of the game."

Frazier sometimes joined radio play-by-play voice Toby Rowland on broadcasts for Oklahoma baseball games in Tulsa and Stillwater and for Big 12 tournament games in Oklahoma City.

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whom Stroman referred to as "Manclown" on Twitter, and the guy Stroman said has "got to go."

When Manfred canceled games before the start of the 2022 season during the MLB owners lockout, Stroman tweeted that "Manfred has been ruining our game while playing puppet boy to the owners. That's a fact."

Stroman getting the starting nod in the All-Star Game would be great for Cubs fans. But would the "puppet" commissioner rather have a safer choice, someone like Hall of Fame-bound Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw, at the risk of snubbing a more deserving pitcher like Stroman?

We won't know until starters are announced on July 10, the day before the All-Star Game. Perhaps Stroman would be such an obvious choice by then that his criticisms of Manfred — which many players no doubt agree with in spite of their reluctance to say so on social media — would become a moot point. Or maybe Manfred would recuse himself from the process.

Stroman doesn't shy away from saying what he wants on Twitter, including his recent tweet that the Cubs haven't engaged with him on a possible extension in spite of his "multiple attempts" by him and his agent to start talks.

President Jed Hoyer responded by saying "he tweeted it out, which I guess that changed the dynamic, but it doesn't change our stance on it, which is we're just not going to comment."

I asked Ross on Tuesday whether he checks out Stroman's tweets.

"I don't," he replied. "Do I need to?"

Ross quickly answered his own question.

"Being his manager, being around him every day, I don't need to check his Twitter because I see the comments he (makes) every day," Ross said. "I think (the media) see a version of him that is definitely in a small context (of his tweets). I don't know how many words you could put in there. My favorite thing about 'Stro' is the confidence he carries, the belief in himself, the mindset he has.

"I wish I would have had more of that confidence in myself as a player. I wish more of our players had that belief (that) even when the world is coming down on you, you still believe in yourself. I think that's a powerful thing. All of us could probably learn a lot from that, because he works really hard and prepares very hard to keep himself in great shape and values the things that help him to succeed.

"All of that makes for the product you get to see on a daily basis. Twitter aside, I do believe that's a powerful thing he carries."

Stroman seems to enjoy proving his critics wrong. After winning on Opening Day he trolled a Twitter user who wrote he was "betting against that crybaby Stroman outta principle."

And he's not averse to calling out the media when he believes a narrative is biased. When a New York Mets blogger recently wrote that Stroman was "making it obvious" he was leaving the Cubs, he replied with a tweet that said: "Lol it's comical how trash NY media is. And the fact that people continue to believe these desperate blogs is hilarious. ZERO DIVERSITY throughout NY media. Dinosaur writers with no skill trying to get clicks with false headlines."

Stroman is nothing if not confident, a word he uttered many times Tuesday.

"I don't listen to any analytics," he said. "I've thrown all those GPS's out. I'm someone who knows my strengths. I'll put my strengths against your weakness any day of the week."

Where does he get that confidence? Stroman credited his dad for a tireless work ethic.

"I feel my pops instilled it in me at a young age," he said. "It's the endless amount of hours nobody sees. My work comes from my confidence. I know nobody is going to be more prepared than me out on the field. When I step out there, there is nothing in my head that has any bit of doubt of things I could've done to make my game even better slightly. I'm confident. Like a true, real confident. It's not a fake confidence. And that's not going anywhere anytime soon."

Ross said it's nothing new, and that Stroman has been overcoming doubters for years.

"If you look at his story, and just the stature thing, right?" Ross said, referring to Stroman's 5-foot-8 height. "Just who he is out on the mound. He's probably had to do that his whole life, if you look at his background. I think that's no secret to anybody that watches him compete.

"It's fun. I've been with a ton of players that carry whether you want to call it a chip or beliefs or different things. I can only speak for myself. There was a little bit of a fear of failure for me that pushed me to work harder, and I didn't want to embarrass myself out there in front of everybody.

"Everybody has their own internal drive, whether you knew you were going to be great, or you had a chip and you're overcoming odds, or felt like you were undervalued, all those things are really important to whatever gets you in the right frame of mind to get out there and compete to the best of your ability and help your team win, more power to it."

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	51	25	.671	—	—	4-6	L-3	31-8	20-17
Baltimore	45	27	.625	4	+5½	7-3	W-2	22-13	23-14
New York	40	33	.548	9½	—	4-6	W-1	22-17	18-16
Toronto	40	35	.533	10½	1	4-6	W-1	19-13	21-22
Boston	39	35	.527	11	1½	7-3	W-6	21-18	18-17

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	36	38	.486	—	—	4-6	L-3	21-19	15-19
Cleveland	34	38	.472	1	5½	5-5	W-2	17-17	17-21
Detroit	31	41	.431	4	8½	5-5	L-1	16-19	15-22
Chicago	31	43	.419	5	9½	3-7	L-2	17-18	14-25
Kansas City	20	53	.274	15½	20	2-8	W-1	10-28	10-25

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	45	27	.625	—	—	5-5	W-3	24-13	21-14
Los Angeles	41	33	.554	5	+½	7-3	W-1	20-14	21-19
Houston	40	34	.541	6	½	4-6	W-1	21-19	19-15
Seattle	35	36	.493	9½	4	5-5	L-1	21-17	14-19
Oakland	19	56	.253	27½	22	4-6	L-6	9-29	10-27

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	47	26	.644	—	—	8-2	W-7	24-15	23-11
Miami	42	32	.568	5½	+2	7-3	L-1	22-14	20-18
Philadelphia	38	35	.521	9	1½	7-3	L-1	19-12	19-23
New York	34	39	.466	13	5½	4-6	L-1	17-15	17-24
Washington	27	45	.375	19½	12	2-8	L-5	12-26	15-19

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cincinnati	39	35	.527	—	—	10-0	W-10	19-18	20-17
Milwaukee	38	35	.521	½	1½	4-6	W-1	22-17	16-18
Chicago	35	38	.479	3½	4½	8-2	W-2	20-17	15-21
Pittsburgh	34	38	.472	4	5	1-9	L-8	18-18	16-20
St. Louis	31	43	.419	8	9	4-6	W-4	13-21	18-22

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	44	30	.595	—	—	5-5	L-1	23-18	21-12
San Francisco	40	32	.556	3	+1	8-2	W-8	19-17	21-15
Los Angeles	39	33	.542	4	—	4-6	L-3	22-14	17-19
San Diego	35	37	.486	8	4	6-4	L-1	19-20	16-17
Colorado	29	47	.382	16	12	3-7	L-7	16-19	13-28

BOX SCORES

KANSAS CITY 1, DETROIT 0

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pratto 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.279
Witt Jr. ss	3	0	0	0	1	.246
Perez c	4	0	1	0	0	.267
Melendez rf	4	0	0	0	3	.211
Garcia 3b	4	1	3	0	0	.282
Beaty dh	3	0	1	1	0	.500
Blanco lf	3	0	1	0	1	.263
Lopez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.212
Waters cf	4	0	0	0	2	.167
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**10**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Short 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.247
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.228
Ibanez rf	4	0	1	0	0	.231
Baez ss	4	0	1	0	0	.234
Haase lf	3	0	0	0	1	.212
b-Carpenter ph	1	0	0	0	0	.278
Schoop 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.198
c-McKinstry ph	1	0	0	0	1	.246
Cabrera dh	2	0	0	0	0	.233
1-Maton pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.153
Rogers c	3	0	0	0	1	.181
Marisnick cf	1	0	0	0	0	.195
a-Vierling ph-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.262
TOTALS	**28**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**4**	

Kansas City	**000 001 000**	**1**	**6**	**0**
Detroit	**000 000 000**	**0**	**2**	**0**

a-walked for Marisnick in the 8th. b-grounded out for Haase in the 9th. c-struck out for Schoop in the 9th. 1-ran for Cabrera in the 8th. **LOB:** Kansas City 8, Detroit 6. **2B:** Beaty (1), Baez (10). **RBIs:** Beaty (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 3(Waters 2, Pratto); Detroit 3(Torkelson 2, McKinstry).
RISP: Kansas City 2for 10; Detroit 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Carpenter. **GIDP:** Perez, Torkelson. **DP:** Kansas City 1(Lopez, Pratto); Detroit 1(Short, Torkelson).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynch, W, 1-3	7	1	0	0	2	2	4.45
Chapman, H, 8	1	0	0	0	3	1	2.84
Barlow, S, 8-9	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.05

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lorenzen, L, 2-5	6	6	1	1	3	7	4.00
Shreve	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	3.86
Cisnero	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	2.20

HBP: Lorenzen (Blanco). **WP:** Chapman, Lorenzen.
Umpires: Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Ryan Additon; Second, Dan Merzel; Third, Will Little.
Time: 2:11. **A:** 18,409(41,083).

ST. LOUIS 9, WASHINGTON 3

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman cf	5	1	1	0	1	.239
Goldschmidt 1b	5	2	2	1	0	.291
Arenado 3b	4	0	0	1	0	.271
Contreras dh	4	1	3	2	0	.210
Walker lf	3	1	1	0	2	.303
a-Nootbaar lf	2	0	0	0	1	.256
Carlson rf	4	2	2	3	0	.246
DeJong ss	4	1	1	2	2	.235
Knizner c	4	1	1	0	2	.206
Donovan 2b	5	0	3	0	1	.274
TOTALS	**40**	**9**	**14**	**9**	**9**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Thomas rf	3	0	1	1	0	.290
Garcia 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.280
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Meneses dh	4	0	0	0	1	.295
Garrett lf	3	1	2	1	1	.256
Smith 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.261
Adams c	4	0	1	1	2	.269
Robles cf	4	1	2	0	0	.299
Abrams ss	3	0	1	0	0	.222
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**7**	

St. Louis	**020 021 112**	**9**	**14**	**0**
Washington	**000 100 011**	**3**	**8**	**1**

a-struck out for Walker in the 7th. **E:** Abrams (13). **LOB:** St. Louis 10, Washington 5. **2B:** Contreras 2 (14), Garrett (6), Abrams (12). 3B: Garcia (3), Adams (2). **HR:** Carlson 2 (5), off Gore; DeJong (11), off Harvey. **RBIs:** Carlson 3 (19), Arenado (50), Contreras 2 (31), Goldschmidt (38), DeJong 2 (23), Garrett (16), Thomas (36), Adams (7). **SB:** Goldschmidt (8), Edman (13). **SF:** Arenado, Thomas.
Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 6(Edman, Knizner 2, Walker, Arenado 2); Washington 3(Smith, Robles, Candelario). **RISP:** St. Louis 2for 9; Washington 1for 7. **Runners moved up:** Arenado, Goldschmidt, Garcia. **GIDP:** Goldschmidt, Garcia. **DP:** St. Louis 1(DeJong, Goldschmidt); Washington 1(Candelario, Garcia, Smith).

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery, W, 4-7	7	4	1	1	1	6	3.69
VerHagen	1	2	1	1	0	0	4.46
Woodford	1	2	1	1	0	1	5.67

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gore, L, 3-6	6	9	5	5	2	8	4.02
Ward	2	4	2	2	1	1	5.86
Harvey	1	1	2	2	1	0	3.82

HBP: Harvey (Contreras). **WP:** Ward.
Umpires: Home, Brian Walsh; First, Erich Bacchus; Second, Doug Eddings; Third, Mike Estabrook.
Time: 2:47. **A:** 22,223(41,376).

TORONTO 2, MIAMI 0

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	0	1	1	1	.259
Merrifield 2b-lf	4	0	0	0	3	.300
Bichette ss	4	0	1	0	1	.317
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.279
Varsho lf-cf	4	0	0	0	4	.228
Chapman 3b	3	0	2	0	1	.265
Jansen c	4	0	0	0	3	.209
Horwitz dh	2	0	0	0	1	.250
a-Espinal ph-dh	1	1	1	0	0	.216
Kiermaier cf	2	0	0	0	1	.274
b-Clement ph-2b	1	1	1	1	0	.429
TOTALS	**33**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**15**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.398
Soler rf	4	0	0	0	1	.256
De La Cruz lf	4	0	2	0	1	.275
Gurriel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.260
Cooper dh	3	0	0	0	1	.227
Berti 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.274
Fortes c	3	0	2	0	0	.250
Hampson cf	1	0	0	0	1	.238
c-Wendle ph-ss	1	0	1	0	0	.252
Amaya ss	2	0	0	0	1	.333
d-Sanchez ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.273
TOTALS	**30**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**7**	

Toronto	**000 000 020**	**2**	**7**	**0**
Miami	**000 000 000**	**0**	**6**	**1**

a-doubled for Horwitz in the 8th. b-singled for Kiermaier in the 8th. c-singled for Hampson in the 8th. d-grounded out for Amaya in the 8th. **E:** Hampson (3). **LOB:** Toronto 5, Miami 4. **2B:** Chapman (24), Guerrero Jr. (15), Espinal (4), Fortes (3), De La Cruz (15). **RBIs:** Clement (2), Springer (29). **SB:** Springer (12). **S:** Hampson. **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 3(Chapman, Horwitz, Bichette); Miami 2(Arraez, Gurriel). **RISP:** Toronto 2for 8; Miami 1for 5. **GIDP:** Guerrero Jr., Sanchez, Soler. **DP:** Toronto 2(Merrifield, Bichette, Guerrero Jr.; Chapman, Clement, Guerrero Jr.); Miami 1(Arraez, Gurriel).

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi	6	2	0	0	0	6	3.97
Garcia, W, 2-3	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.46
Swanson, H, 18	⅓	2	0	0	0	1	2.65
Mayza, H, 8	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	1.40
Romano, S, 21-24	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.67

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Perez	6	3	0	0	0	9	1.54
Floro	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.99
Scott, L, 4-2	⅔	3	2	2	0	2	3.38
Chargois	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	4.24

Inherited runners-scored: Mayza 2-0, Chargois 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Tom Hanahan; First, Nick Mahrley; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Vic Carapazza.
Time: 2:27. **A:** 9,809(37,446).

BALTIMORE 8, TAMPA BAY 6

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Henderson dh	5	1	1	0	3	.236
Rutschman c	3	1	0	0	1	.277
Santander rf	5	2	2	3	2	.264
Ortiz 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.219
O'Hearn 1b	4	1	1	1	2	.345
b-McKenna rf	1	0	0	0	0	.230
Hays lf	4	2	3	0	1	.327
Hicks cf	4	1	2	4	0	.340
Frazier 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.226
Urias 3b-1b	4	0	1	0	1	.265
Mateo ss	4	0	0	0	2	.227
TOTALS	**37**	**8**	**10**	**8**	**13**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	5	1	1	1	2	.300
Franco ss	3	0	1	1	1	.291
Raley rf	3	0	2	0	1	.275
a-Margot ph-cf	2	0	1	2	0	.263
Arozarena lf	4	0	0	0	2	.283
Ramirez dh	5	1	1	0	2	.303
Lowe cf-rf	5	0	0	0	2	.278
Paredes 3b	3	2	2	1	1	.265
Walls 2b	2	1	0	0	0	.209
Mejia c	4	1	1	1	1	.241
TOTALS	**36**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**12**	

Baltimore	**420 010 010**	**8**	**10**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**000 024 000**	**6**	**9**	**0**

a-singled for Raley in the 6th. b-lined out for O'Hearn in the 9th. **LOB:** Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 10. **2B:** Henderson (9), Hays 2(21), Mejia (10), Ramirez (10). **HR:** Hicks (3), off Glasnow; Santander (11), off Glasnow; O'Hearn (6), off Armstrong. **RBIs:** Santander 3(42), Hicks 4(10), O'Hearn (20), Mejia (11), Franco (33), Paredes (48), Diaz (37), Margot 2(25). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 1(Frazier); Tampa Bay 3(Franco, Arozarena 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 3for 6; Tampa Bay 4for 12. **Runners moved up:** Rutschman, Hicks.

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradish, W, 3-3	5	4	2	2	2	8	3.88
Baker	⅓	2	3	3	1	1	4.20
Baumann, H, 5	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	4.34
Coulombe, H, 14	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.49
Cano, H, 17	1	1	0	0	1	0	0.96
Bautista, S, 20-24	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	1.04

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Glasnow, L, 2-1	4⅓	6	6	6	2	7	4.97
Armstrong	1⅔	2	1	1	0	3	1.00
Adam	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.59
Stephenson	1	2	1	1	0	1	2.70
Diekman	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.77

Inherited runners-scored: Baumann 2-1, Coulombe 3-2, Bautista 1-0. **HBP:** Bradish (Paredes), Bautista (Arozarena). **Umpires:** HP, Andy Fletcher; 1B, Jeremie Rehak; 2B, Chad Fairchild; 3B, Nic Lentz. T: 3:11. **A:** 20,906(25,025).

N.Y. YANKEES 3, SEATTLE 1

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	2	0	0	0	0	.239
Moore ss	2	0	0	0	2	.000
Rodriguez cf	4	0	0	0	0	.240
France 1b	3	1	0	0	1	.275
Hernandez rf	4	0	0	0	1	.250
Kelenic lf	3	0	1	1	0	.259
Suarez 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.215
Raleigh c	3	0	1	0	1	.221
Ford dh	3	0	0	0	2	.182
Caballero 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.239
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**10**	

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Bauers rf	4	0	0	0	0	.226
Kiner-Falefa lf	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Torres 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.256
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	2	.196
Rizzo 1b	4	0	3	1	0	.270
Donaldson 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.143
Bader cf	3	1	1	0	0	.269
McKinney lf-rf	3	1	1	2	0	.289
Trevino c	3	0	1	0	0	.220
Volpe ss	3	0	1	0	1	.191
TOTALS	**31**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**6**	

Seattle	**000 001 000**	**1**	**4**	**1**
N.Y. Yankees	**120 000 00x**	**3**	**8**	**0**

E: France (1). **LOB:** Seattle 5, New York 4. **2B:** Kelenic (17), Rizzo 2 (11). **HR:** McKinney (2), off Kirby. **RBIs:** Kelenic (33), Rizzo (37), McKinney 2 (4). **SB:** Bader (7).
Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 3(Suarez, Moore, Ford); New York 2 (Donaldson 2).
RISP: Seattle 0for 4; New York 1for 3.
GIDP: Donaldson, Volpe.
DP: Seattle 2(Crawford, Caballero, France; Moore, Caballero, France).

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kirby, L, 6-6	7	8	3	3	0	4	3.29
Adcock	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole, W, 8-1	7⅓	4	1	1	1	8	2.64
Holmes, S, 9-11	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	2.35

Pitches-Strikes: Kirby 95-67; Adcock 9-7; Cole 105-70; Holmes 21-17.
Batters Faced: Kirby 28; Adcock 3; Cole 28; Holmes 5.
HBP: Cole (France).
Umpires: Home, Dan Bellino; First, Phil Cuzzi; Second, Shane Livensparger; Third, Mark Ripperger.
Time: 2:09. **A:** 43,130(47,309).

BOSTON 10, MINNESOTA 4

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	5	1	1	0	0	.301
Turner dh	3	2	2	1	1	.281
Devers 3b	4	1	0	0	1	.238
Yoshida lf	5	3	3	3	1	.308
Duvall cf	5	1	1	1	1	.313
Casas 1b	5	1	1	0	1	.215
Arroyo 2b	5	1	5	4	0	.256
Wong c	4	0	2	1	0	.245
Hernandez ss	5	0	0	0	0	.229
TOTALS	**41**	**10**	**15**	**10**	**5**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Julien 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.245
Correa ss	3	0	1	0	2	.219
Farmer ss-lf	2	0	0	0	1	.263
Kirilloff 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.264
a-Solano 1b-3b	2	0	0	0	1	.278
Buxton dh	3	1	2	2	0	.209
Vazquez 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Gallo lf-cf	4	0	0	0	3	.188
Lewis 3b-ss	4	1	3	1	0	.311
Kepler rf	3	1	1	1	0	.192
Jeffers c	4	0	3	0	0	.245
Castro cf-p	4	0	0	0	0	.252
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**9**	

Boston	**000 201 520**	**10**	**15**	**0**
Minnesota	**000 000 022**	**4**	**11**	**0**

a-struck out for Kirilloff in the 6th.
LOB: Boston 8, Minnesota 7.
2B: Turner (16), Arroyo (10), Jeffers (6). **HR:** Duvall (5), off Ober; Arroyo (3), off Ober; Yoshida (8), off Ortega; Buxton (11), off Kluber; Lewis (3), off Kluber; Kepler (8), off Kluber. **RBIs:** Duvall (17), Arroyo 4 (17), Wong (18), Turner (38), Yoshida 3 (39), Buxton 2 (25), Lewis (11), Kepler (19).
Runners left in scoring position: Boston 4(Yoshida, Verdugo, Hernandez 2); Minnesota 3(Kirilloff, Correa, Farmer).
RISP: Boston 4for 10; Minnesota 0for 6. **Runners moved up:** Castro, Julien.
GIDP: Hernandez, Jeffers, Kepler. **DP:** Boston 2(Wong, Hernandez, Casas; Devers, Arroyo, Casas); Minnesota 1 (Julien, Lewis, Vazquez).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Crawford, W, 2-3	5	6	0	0	0	5	3.74
Bernardino, H, 1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.53
Kluber, S, 1-1	3	5	4	4	1	2	7.04

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ober, L, 4-4	6	8	3	3	0	4	2.83
Headrick	1	5	5	5	1	0	6.17
Ortega	1	1	2	2	1	1	18.00
Castro	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

Pitches-Strikes: Crawford 77-50; Bernardino 18-9; Kluber 48-34; Ober 95-63; Headrick 41-26; Ortega 16-9; Castro 9-4.
HBP: Ober (Turner), Headrick (Devers).
PB: Jeffers (3).
Umpires: Home, Nate Tomlinson; First, David Rackley; Second, Chris Guccione; Third, Edwin Moscoso.
Time: 2:37. **A:** 22,650(38,544).

CHI. CUBS 4, PITTSBURGH 0

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Tauchman cf	5	1	1	1	2	.295
Hoerner 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.282
Suzuki rf	3	0	1	1	1	.263
Happ lf	4	1	2	0	1	.263
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	0	.263
Bellinger 1b	2	0	0	1	0	.255
Morel dh	4	0	0	0	2	.280
Madrigal 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.250
Barnhart c	3	1	1	1	0	.177
TOTALS	**31**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**6**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Palacios lf	4	0	0	0	0	.254
Hayes 3b	4	0	2	0	1	.259
Suwinski cf	4	0	0	0	0	.228
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.227
Davis dh	4	0	0	0	1	.143
Marcano ss	4	0	1	0	0	.241
Joe rf	3	0	2	0	1	.245
Bae 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.259
Delay c	2	0	0	0	0	.286
a-Mitchell ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Hedges c	0	0	0	0	0	.172
TOTALS	**32**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**7**	

Chi. Cubs	**001 100 020**	**4**	**7**	**0**
Pittsburgh	**000 000 000**	**0**	**5**	**0**

a-struck out for Delay in the 7th.
LOB: Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 6.
2B: Madrigal (4), Joe (17), Marcano (12). 3B: Happ (2), Hoerner (2).
HR: Barnhart (1), off Oviedo; Tauchman (2), off Moreta. **RBIs:** Barnhart (5), Bellinger (22), Tauchman (14), Suzuki (24).
SB: Bellinger (10). **SF:** Bellinger, Suzuki.
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 2(Tauchman, Hoerner); Pittsburgh 2(Bae, Mitchell). **RISP:** Chicago 0 for 5; Pittsburgh 0for 3. **Runners moved up:** Barnhart. **GIDP:** Swanson. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1(Hayes, Bae, Santana).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman, W, 9-4	7	5	0	0	1	5	2.28
Leiter Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.64
Alzolay	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.91

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Oviedo, L, 3-7	6	5	2	2	0	3	4.30
Mlodzinski	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45
Moreta	1	2	2	2	0	1	3.00
Perdomo	1	0	0	0	2	1	2.00

Pitches-Strikes: Stroman 98-59; Leiter Jr. 14-9; Alzolay 9-7; Oviedo 101-67; Mlodzinski 14-7; Moreta 14-9; Perdomo 24-12.
Batters Faced: Stroman 27; Leiter Jr. 3; Alzolay 3; Oviedo 23; Mlodzinski 4; Moreta 5; Perdomo 5.
HBP: Oviedo (Swanson), Mlodzinski (Madrigal).
Umpires: Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Ryan Wills; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Adam Beck.
Time: 2:33. **A:** 20,666(38,753).

HOUSTON 4, N.Y. METS 2

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	0	0	2	.278
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	1	.254
Lindor ss	3	0	0	0	0	.214
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.225
Pham lf	4	1	1	0	1	.259
Alvarez c	3	1	1	0	2	.235
McNeil 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.271
Canha dh	2	0	1	1	0	.247
Escobar 3b	3	0	1	1	1	.236
TOTALS	**29**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**10**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	3	0	1	2	0	.264
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	2	1	.242
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	0	.277
Diaz dh	4	0	2	0	1	.281
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	3	.225
Pena ss	3	0	1	0	0	.250
Julks lf	3	2	2	0	0	.255
Meyers cf	4	0	0	0	1	.223
Maldonado c	3	1	1	0	0	.187
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**6**	

N.Y. Mets	**000 000 020**	**2**	**4**	**0**
Houston	**003 000 10x**	**4**	**9**	**0**

LOB: New York 3, Houston 7.
2B: Alvarez (7), Julks (9).
HR: Bregman (10), off Verlander.
RBIs: Canha (24), Escobar (16), Altuve 2 (10), Bregman 2 (42). SF: Canha, Altuve.
Runners left in scoring position: New York 0; Houston 3(Meyers 3). **RISP:** New York 1for 2; Houston 2for 6. **Runners moved up:** Maldonado. **GIDP:** Escobar.
DP: Houston 1(Pena, Altuve, J.Abreu).

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Verlander, L, 2-4	7	8	4	4	0	5	4.50
Brigham	1	1	0	0	2	1	4.05

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez, W, 7-5	8	4	2	2	1	9	2.27
Pressly, S, 13-16	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.26

Pitches-Strikes: Verlander 94-59; Brigham 23-10; Valdez 94-62; Pressly 18-9.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Verlander 11-6; Brigham 2-0; Valdez 9-1; Pressly 1-1.
Batters Faced: Verlander 29; Brigham 6; Valdez 28; Pressly 4.
Umpires: Home, Nestor Ceja; First, Brian O'Nora; Second, Pat Hoberg; Third, Jacob Metz.
Time: 2:11. **A:** 34,606(41,000).

ALL STAR GAME FAN VOTING

Returns for Phase 1 of fan voting for the 2023 MLB All-Star Game.

NL CATCHERS

1. Sean Murphy	Braves	1,320,838
2. Will Smith	Dodgers	836,754
3. J.T. Realmuto	Phillies	352,806
4. Francisco Alvarez	Mets	335,043
5. Elias Díaz	Rockies	305,304
6. Gabriel Moreno	D-backs	203,603
7. Willson Contreras	Cardinals	191,624
8. Yan Gomes	Cubs	147,046
9. Austin Nola	Padres	124,407
10. William Contreras	Brewers	115,501

NL FIRST BASEMEN

1. Freddie Freeman	Dodgers	1,649,166
2. Matt Olson	Braves	638,984
3. Pete Alonso	Mets	633,498
4. Paul Goldschmidt	Cardinals	330,767
5. Trey Mancini	Cubs	159,312
6. Jake Cronenworth	Padres	156,526
7. Kody Clemens	Phillies	136,839
8. LaMonte Wade Jr.	Giants	129,482
9. Rowdy Tellez	Brewers	128,864
10. Carlos Santana	Pirates	104,642

NL SECOND BASEMEN

1. Luis Arraez	Marlins	1,056,439
2. Ozzie Albies	Braves	884,328
3. Nolan Gorman	Cardinals	382,285
4. Miguel Vargas	Dodgers	328,608
5. Thairo Estrada	Giants	220,337
6. Ketel Marte	D-backs	218,916
7. Jeff McNeil	Mets	214,765
8. Ha-Seong Kim	Padres	200,453
9. Bryson Stott	Phillies	199,825
10. Jonathan India	Reds	156,358

NL THIRD BASEMEN

1. Nolan Arenado	Cardinals	936,057
2. Austin Riley	Braves	832,996
3. Max Muncy	Dodgers	629,180
4. J.D. Davis	Giants	443,199
5. Manny Machado	Padres	429,390
6. Alec Bohm	Phillies	190,054
7. Brett Baty	Mets	157,630
8. Patrick Wisdom	Cubs	126,628
9. Josh Rojas	D-backs	86,436
10. Brian Anderson	Brewers	81,426

NL SHORTSTOPS

1. Orlando Arcia	Braves	1,060,559
2. Francisco Lindor	Mets	508,168
3. Xander Bogaerts	Padres	422,702
4. Matt McLain	Reds	394,865
5. Trea Turner	Phillies	340,321
6. Chris Taylor	Dodgers	326,167
7. Dansby Swanson	Cubs	323,390
8. Geraldo Perdomo	D-backs	265,521
9. Willy Adames	Brewers	139,505
10. Brandon Crawford	Giants	136,796

NL DESIGNATED HITTERS

1. J.D. Martinez	Dodgers	879,474
2. Bryce Harper	Phillies	722,285
3. Travis d'Arnaud	Braves	568,343
4. Jorge Soler	Marlins	339,478
5. Christopher Morel	Cubs	219,941
6. Andrew McCutchen	Pirates	209,035
7. Joey Meneses	Nationals	149,030
8. Joc Pederson	Giants	144,262
9. Matt Carpenter	Padres	139,446
10. Evan Longoria	D-backs	126,208

NL OUTFIELDERS

1. Ronald Acuña Jr.	Braves	2,201,468
2. Mookie Betts	Dodgers	1,411,557
3. Corbin Carroll	D-backs	673,880
4. Lourdes Gurriel Jr.	D-backs	672,779
5. Juan Soto	Padres	600,962
6. Fernando Tatis Jr.	Padres	495,231
7. Michael Harris II	Braves	493,282
8. Nick Castellanos	Phillies	452,508
9. Marcell Ozuna	Braves	426,991
10. Cody Bellinger	Cubs	346,792
11. Seiya Suzuki	Cubs	341,667
12. James Outman	Dodgers	329,253
13. Lars Nootbaar	Cardinals	303,990
14. Jason Heyward	Dodgers	302,315
15. Kyle Schwarber	Phillies	295,618
16. Brandon Nimmo	Mets	263,902
17. Brandon Marsh	Phillies	249,830
18. Bryan Reynolds	Pirates	216,867
19. Randal Grichuk	Rockies	205,143
20. TJ Friedl	Reds	195,480

Event: July 11 at T-Mobile Park in Seattle

AL CATCHERS

1. Adley Rutschman	Orioles	895,217
2. Salvador Perez	Royals	645,650
3. Jonah Heim	Rangers	643,471
4. Alejandro Kirk	Blue Jays	588,544
5. Martín Maldonado	Astros	285,469
6. Matt Thaiss	Angels	264,235
7. Chris. Bethancourt	Rays	261,655
8. Cal Raleigh	Mariners	246,964
9. Jose Trevino	Yankees	193,465
10. Yasmani Grandal	White Sox	121,023

AL FIRST BASEMEN

1. Vladimir Guerrero Jr.	Blue Jays	1,195,052
2. Yandy Díaz	Rays	1,124,166
3. Anthony Rizzo	Yankees	512,833
4. Nathaniel Lowe	Rangers	386,023
5. Ty France	Mariners	261,874
6. José Abreu	Astros	252,636
7. Jared Walsh	Angels	184,974
8. Ryan Mountcastle	Orioles	174,722
9. Josh Naylor	Guardians	119,829
10. Joey Gallo	Twins	84,169

AL SECOND BASEMEN

1. Marcus Semien	Rangers	1,414,056
2. Whit Merrifield	Blue Jays	715,967
3. Jose Altuve	Astros	623,829
4. Brandon Drury	Angels	324,489
5. Gleyber Torres	Yankees	303,164
6. José Caballero	Mariners	216,579
7. Brandon Lowe	Rays	192,950
8. Adam Frazier	Orioles	179,263
9. Zach McKinstry	Tigers	102,027
10. Andrés Giménez	Guardians	101,572

AL THIRD BASEMEN

1. Matt Chapman	Blue Jays	929,590
2. Josh Jung	Rangers	876,096
3. Rafael Devers	Red Sox	444,689
4. José Ramírez	Guardians	371,656
5. Alex Bregman	Astros	337,895
6. Isaac Paredes	Rays	306,853
7. Anthony Rendon	Angels	281,916
8. Eugenio Suárez	Mariners	248,490
9. DJ LeMahieu	Yankees	226,434
10. Ramón Urías	Orioles	171,541

AL SHORTSTOPS

1. Bo Bichette	Blue Jays	1,561,426
2. Corey Seager	Rangers	827,499
3. Wander Franco	Rays	478,952
4. Jeremy Peña	Astros	302,382
5. Zach Neto	Angels	266,814
6. J.P. Crawford	Mariners	235,165
7. Anthony Volpe	Yankees	198,163
8. Jorge Mateo	Orioles	145,928
9. Javier Báez	Tigers	90,916
10. Enrique Hernández	Red Sox	87,701

AL DESIGNATED HITTERS

1. Shohei Ohtani	Angels	1,885,144
2. Brandon Belt	Blue Jays	497,887
3. Robbie Grossman	Rangers	270,223
4. Harold Ramírez	Rays	269,941
5. Corey Julks	Astros	206,059
6. Giancarlo Stanton	Yankees	191,525
7. Miguel Cabrera	Tigers	151,997
8. Gunnar Henderson	Orioles	149,549
9. Justin Turner	Red Sox	148,073
10. AJ Pollock	Mariners	120,270

AL OUTFIELDERS

1. Aaron Judge	Yankees	1,584,254
2. Mike Trout	Angels	1,174,001
3. Randy Arozarena	Rays	1,116,525
4. Yordan Alvarez	Astros	1,092,322
5. Kevin Kiermaier	Blue Jays	712,166
6. George Springer	Blue Jays	630,313
7. Adolis García	Rangers	594,440
8. Masataka Yoshida	Red Sox	547,576
9. Daulton Varsho	Blue Jays	506,774
10. Ezequial Duran	Rangers	434,822
11. Julio Rodríguez	Mariners	427,437
12. Josh Lowe	Rays	405,167
13. Leody Taveras	Rangers	347,274
14. Kyle Tucker	Astros	290,728
15. Austin Hays	Orioles	113,698
16. Jarred Kelenic	Mariners	272,222
17. Hunter Renfroe	Angels	246,803
18. Harrison Bader	Yankees	239,123
19. Cedric Mullins	Orioles	234,422
20. Teoscar Hernández	Mariners	223,644

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Tor	Gausman (R)		6-3	3.01	9-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	17.2	4.08
Mia	Alcantara (R)	11:10a	2-5	4.97	6-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	19.1	5.12
NYM	Megill (R)		6-4	4.83	7-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.0	5.40
Hou	Javier (R)	1:10p	7-1	2.90	10-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	17.0	2.65
LAD	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
LAA	Ohtani (R)	8:38p	6-2	3.29	10-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Bal	Wells (R)		6-2	3.20	9-4	0-2	16.1	7.71	3-0	18.2	2.89
TBR	Bradley (R)	11:10a	4-3	4.19	5-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	13.0	5.54
KC	Singer (R.)		4-6	6.33	6-8	0-0	3.2	12.27	1-2	15.1	3.52
Det	Boyd (L.)	12:10p	4-5	5.60	7-6	0-0	4.2	1.93	1-1	16.0	5.62
Sea	Castillo (R)		4-5	2.73	6-8	1-0	21.2	1.66	0-3	18.2	2.89
NYY	TBD	6:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Oak	Blackburn (R)		0-0	3.48	2-2	0-0	8.0	0.00	0-0	16.2	3.78
Cle	Williams (R)	6:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Bos	Whitlock (R)		4-2	4.38	5-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	18.0	3.50
Min	Gray (R)	6:40p	4-1	2.37	7-7	0-0	5.0	1.80	0-1	15.2	3.45
Tex	Perez (L)		6-3	4.54	9-5	0-0	5.0	10.80	0-2	16.1	4.96
ChW	Kopech (R)	7:10p	3-5	3.92	6-8	0-1	4.0	9.00	0-0	16.1	1.65

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
ChC	Hendricks (R)		2-2	2.86	3-2	1-1	10.2	5.06	2-1	19.0	2.37
Pit	Hill (L)	11:35a	6-6	4.31	7-7	0-0	4.2	5.79	2-1	18.2	2.89
Col	Seabold (R)		1-3	5.88	4-5	0-0	4.1	8.31	0-1	15.0	7.20
Cin	Abbott (L)	11:35a	3-0	0.00	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.2	0.00
Ari	Gallen (R)		8-2	2.96	10-5	1-0	7.0	0.00	1-0	18.2	3.86
Mil	Teheran (R)	1:10p	2-2	1.78	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	19.1	2.33
StL	Mikolas (R)		4-4	4.36	8-7	1-0	7.0	2.57	0-3	17.0	6.88
Was	Williams (R)	3:05p	3-4	4.50	7-7	0-0	4.0	0.00	1-1	15.0	6.60
Atl	Smith-Shawver (R)		1-0	2.02	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	11.0	2.45
Phi	Nola (R)	5:40p	6-5	4.66	7-8	0-0	6.0	7.50	2-1	20.0	4.50
SD	Darvish (R)		5-5	4.74	6-7	0-0	6.0	6.00	2-1	17.1	5.19
SF	TBD	8:45p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Kansas City 1, Detroit 0
Toronto 2, Miami 0
N.Y. Yankees 3, Seattle 1
Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 6
Cleveland 3, Oakland 2 (10)
Boston 10, Minnesota 4
Houston 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Texas at Chi. White Sox, late
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Minnesota, 12:10p.m.
Oakland at Cleveland, 12:10p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 5:40p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 6, Kansas City 4
Miami 11, Toronto 0
Boston 9, Minnesota 3
N.Y. Mets 11, Houston 1
Texas 5, Chi. White Sox 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 2, Miami 0
Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 2
Chi. Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 9, Washington 3
Cincinnati 8, Colorado 6
Houston 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 7, Arizona 5
San Diego at San Francisco, late
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Washington, 12:05p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 12:05p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 2:45p.m.
Pittsburgh at Miami, 5:40p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 8, Washington 6
Chi. Cubs 8, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 5, Colorado 4
Arizona 9, Milwaukee 1
San Francisco 7, San Diego 4 (10)

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Yankees:** OF Aaron Judge appears to be responding to a second platelet rich plasma injection to his right big toe yet has not resumed baseball activities. Judge was hurt June 3 when he ran into a wall while making a catch at Dodger Stadium. "I'm encouraged by what I'm seeing," manager Aaron Boone said. Boone said the swelling subsided and Judge is able to do more activity on the toe while keeping balanced. ... OF Harrison Bader returned to the lineup for the first time since straining his right hamstring while running out an infield single at Seattle on May 29.

■ **Guardians:** Top pitching prospect Gavin Williams will make his major league debut Wednesday night with a start against the Athletics. A first-round draft pick in 2021, the 23-year-old Williams has overpowered hitters the last two seasons and now the Guardians will get to see whether he can dominate in the majors. Williams has gone 4-2 with a 2.39 ERA combined at Double-A Akron (three starts) and Triple-A Columbus (nine starts). He struck out 81 batters in 60 innings. ... RHP Triston McKenzie will be shut down for up to six weeks — and possibly longer — with an elbow sprain that may yet require surgery.

■ **Blue Jays:** Ernie Clement and George Springer hit consecutive RBI singles in the eighth inning in the Blue Jays' 2-0 victory over the Marlins 2-0. Yusei Kikuchi allowed two hits and struck out six in six innings to help the Jays even the series after falling 11-0 in the opener Monday night. Luis Arraez went 1 for 4, dropping his MLB-best batting average to .398, for the Marlins, who had won five in a row.

■ **Cubs:** Marcus Stroman held the Pirates to five hits over seven masterful innings to help the Cubs beat the reeling Pirates 4-0. Stroman (9-4) struck out five against one walk and never let the Pirates get to third base while winning his seventh straight start. He needed just 97 pitches to get 21 outs, dropping his ERA to 2.28, tops in the NL.

■ **Cardinals:** Dylan Carlson homered twice and Willson Contreras went 3-for-4 with two doubles to break out of a slump as the Cardinals won their fourth straight with 9-3 victory over the Nationals.

■ **Red Sox:** Christian Arroyo had a career-high five hits and drove in four runs in a 10-4 win over the Twins — the Red Sox's sixth straight victory. ... RHP Tanner Houck is scheduled to have surgery next week to insert a plate to help a facial fracture heal after he was hit by a batted ball last week.

■ **Reds:** TJ Friedl hit a three-run homer on a four-hit night and rookie Elly De La Cruz added a solo shot as the Reds extended their winning streak to 10 games with an 8-6 victory over the Rockies. ... OF Wil Myers was designated for assignment after he was activated from the 10-day injured list.

■ **Mariners:** SS J.P. Crawford left after 2 ½ innings against the Yankees because of a bruised right shoulder. Crawford flied out leading off the game and grounded out in the third. He was replaced by Dylan Moore in the bottom half.

■ **Royals:** Daniel Lynch allowed one hit over seven innings for his first major league win in almost 11 months, and the struggling Royals beat the Tigers 1-0. The Royals had lost 12 of 13.

■ **Orioles:** Dick Hall, a dependable reliever who was part of two World Series-winning teams with the O's, died at 92. The team said Hall died Sunday, but they did not provide a cause of death.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS

ATP TERRA WORTHAM OPEN

Tuesday at Gerry Weber Stadium, Halle, Germany, outdoors, grass

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#3Andrey Rublev d. Yibing Wu, 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-2.
#4Jannik Sinner d. Richard Gasquet, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
#6Hubert Hurkacz d. Christopher Eubanks, 6-4, 6-7(11), 6-3.
Alexander Bublik d. #7Borna Coric, 6-3, 6-1.
#8Roberto Bautista Agut d. Andrea Vavassori, 6-3, 6-4.
#9Alexander Zverev d. Dominic Thiem, 6-3, 6-4.
Lorenzo Sonego d. Aslan Karatsev, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.
Yannick Hanfmann d. Louis Wessels, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Tallon Griekspoor d. Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-2, 7-5.

ATP CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tuesday at The Queen's Club, London, outdoors, grass

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#1Carlos Alcaraz d. Arthur Rinderknech, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6(3).
#2Holger Rune d. Maxime Cressy, 7-6(4), 7-6(3).
#3Taylor Fritz d. Bernabe Zapata Miralles, 6-4, 7-5.
#4Frances Tiafoe d. Botic Van de Zandschulp, 6-2, 6-4.
#7Alex de Minaur d. Andy Murray, 6-3, 6-1.
Jiri Lehecka d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 7-6(4), 6-3.
Adrian Mannarino d. Liam Broady, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Jordan Thompson d. Alexei Popyrin, 6-4, 6-4.
Grigor Dimitrov d. Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-2, 6-4.

WTA ROTHESAY CLASSIC OF BIRMINGHAM

Tuesday at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham, Great Britain, outdoors, grass

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#2Jelena Ostapenko d. Linda Noskova, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.
#4 Anastasia Potapova d. Marta Kostyuk, 6-7(6), 7-5, 6-4.
#8Sorana Cirstea d. Ana Bogdan, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.
Zhu Lin d. Katie Boulter, 7-5, 7-5.
Magdalena Frech d. Barbora Strycova, 7-6(3), 6-1.
Harriet Dart d. Jodie Anna Burrage, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

WTA BETT1OPEN

Tuesday at Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club, Berlin, outdoors, grass

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#1Aryna Sabalenka d. Vera Zvonareva, 6-3, 6-2.
#2Elena Rybakina d. Polina Kudermetova, 6-4, 6-2.
Jule Niemeier d. #4Ons Jabeur, 7-6(4), 6-4.
#5Coco Gauff d. Katerina Siniakova, 6-3, 6-4.
Elina Avanesyan d. #8Daria Kasatkina, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(7).
Anna Blinkova d. Laura Siegemund, 6-3, 6-7(3), 7-5.
Jaimee Fourlis d. Wang Xinyu, 3-6, 7-5, 0-0, ret.
Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Liudmila Samsonova, 6-4, 6-3.

WTA VENETO OPEN INTERNAZIONALI

Tuesday at Tennis Club Gaiba, Gaiba, Italy, outdoors, grass

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#1Tatjana Maria d. Ylena In-Albon, 6-3, 6-4.
Katie Swan d. #2Sara Errani, 7-5, 7-5.
#3Ysaline Bonaventure d. Marina Bassols Ribera, 6-7(4), 6-2, 6-4.
Robin Montgomery d. #5 Taylor Townsend, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(4).
#7 Lucrezia Stefanini d. Magali Kempen, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.
#8Yanina Wickmayer d. Priscilla Hon, 7-5, 6-4.
Sinja Kraus d. Jaqueline Adina Cristian, 7-5, 6-3.
Evgeniya Rodina d. Georgia Pedone, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Laura Pigossi d. Jana Cepelova, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Nuria Brancaccio d. Irina Bara, 6-4, 6-1.
Ashlyn Krueger d. Dalila Jakupovic, 6-3, 6-2.

ATP MONEY LEADERS

1	Novak Djokovic	$5,071,453
2	Danill Medvedev	$4,829,510
3	Carlos Alcaraz	$4,381,986
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	$3,280,663
5	Andrey Rublev	$2,574,771
6	Casper Ruud	$2,357,833
7	Holger Rune	$2,336,488
8	Jannik Sinner	$2,213,696
9	Taylor Fritz	$2,190,141
10	Karen Khachanov	$2,117,162
11	Frances Tiafoe	$1,725,984
12	Alexander Zverev	$1,696,349
13	Cameron Norrie	$1,541,123
14	Tommy Paul	$1,355,970
15	Alex de Minaur	$1,241,046
16	Francisco Cerundolo	$1,211,863
17	Lorenzo Musetti	$1,200,075
18	Hubert Hurkacz	$1,195,349
19	Jan-Lennard Struff	$1,134,599
20	Borna Coric	$1,095,174

WTA MONEY LEADERS

1	Aryna Sabalenka	$4,300,463
2	Elena Rybakina	$3,752,354
3	Jessica Pegula	$2,559,400
4	Iga Swiatek	$2,119,836
5	Petra Kvitova	$1,828,318
6	Barbora Krejcikova	$1,495,147
7	Maria Sakkari	$1,344,596
8	Coco Gauff	$1,237,640
9	Magda Linette	$1,136,853
10	Victoria Azarenka	$1,061,197
11	Jelena Ostapenko	$959,415
12	Veronika Kudermetova	$928,009
13	Belinda Bencic	$879,615
14	Madison Keys	$874,525
15	Caroline Garcia	$840,588
16	Beatriz Haddad Maia	$830,695
17	Martina Trevisan	$745,462
18	Donna Vekic	$730,728
19	Elise Mertens	$718,327
20	Sorana Cirstea	$711,529

ODDS

MLB WEDNESDAY

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Tampa Bay	-152	Baltimore	+128
at Detroit	-130	Kansas City	+110
at NY Yankees	off	Seattle	off
at Cleveland	-170	Oakland	+148
at Minnesota	-134	Boston	+114
Texas	-110	at Chi Wh. Sox	-106

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Chi. Cubs	-116	at Pittsburgh	-102
at Cincinnati	off	Colorado	off
at Milwaukee	-124	Arizona	+106
St. Louis	-176	at Washington	+148
Atlanta	-118	at Philadelphia	+100
at San Francisco	off	San Diego	off

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Toronto	-136	at Miami	+116
at Houston	-172	NY Mets	+144
at LA Angels	off	LA Dodgers	off

NBA DRAFT

Exact top three selections

1: Victor Wembanyama 2: Scoot Henderson 3: Brandon Miller	4-7
1: Victor Wembanyama 2: Brandon Miller 3: Scoot Henderson	6-4
1: Victor Wembanyama 2: Scoot Henderson 3: Amen Thompson	22-1
1: Victor Wembanyama 2: Scoot Henderson 3: Cam Whitmore	25-1
1: Victor Wembanyama 2: Brandon Miller 3: Cam Whitmore	35-1
1: Victor Wembanyama 2: Brandon Miller 3: Amen Thompson	45-1
1: Victor Wembanyama 2: Brandon Miller 3: Ausar Thompson	80-1

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

COLLEGE BASEBALL

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

At Charles Schwab Field, Omaha, Neb. (Double Elimination, x-if necessary)

BRACKET 1
Tuesday's result
G5: TCU 6, Oral Roberts 1, Oral Roberts eliminated

Wednesday's game
G6: Florida (52-15) vs. TCU (44-23), 2 p.m. (winner advances unless G7 needed)

Thursday's game
x-G7: G3 winner vs. G4 winner, 2 p.m. (winner advances)

BRACKET 2
Tuesday's result
G5: LSU 5, Tennessee 0 Tennessee eliminated

Wednesday's game
G6: Wake Forest (54-10) vs. LSU (50-16), 7 p.m.

Thursday's game
x-G7: G3 vs. G4 winner, 7 p.m. (winner advances)

Monday, June 19
G3: Tennessee 6, Stanford 4, Stanford eliminated
G4: Wake Forest 3, LSU 2

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-3)
Saturday: Bracket 1 winner vs. Bracket 2 winner, 3 p.m.
Sunday: Bracket 1 winner vs. Bracket 2 winner, 7 p.m.
x-Monday: Bracket 1 winner vs. Bracket 2 winner, 7 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Cincinnati	12	1	4	40	27	16
Nashville	10	3	5	35	28	13
New England	9	3	6	33	31	22
Philadelphia	9	5	3	30	28	17
Columbus	8	6	4	28	36	26
Atlanta	7	4	7	28	35	29
Orlando City	7	5	5	26	23	20
D.C. United	6	8	5	23	26	26
CF Montréal	7	9	1	22	19	27
Charlotte FC	6	8	4	22	25	33
New York City FC	4	7	7	19	18	23
N.Y. RED BULLS	4	6	7	19	11	16
Toronto FC	3	5	10	19	17	21
Chicago	3	6	8	17	22	27
Inter Miami CF	5	12	0	15	16	24
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Saint Louis City SC	9	6	2	29	34	20
Los Angeles FC	8	3	5	29	25	16
Seattle	8	6	4	28	24	17
San Jose	7	5	6	27	21	20
FC Dallas	7	6	5	26	21	19
Houston	7	7	3	24	20	21
Real Salt Lake	6	7	5	23	20	28
Vancouver	5	5	7	22	27	21
Portland	5	7	6	21	20	24
Sporting KC	5	9	5	20	21	27
Minnesota United	5	7	5	20	15	22
Austin FC	5	8	4	19	18	27
LA Galaxy	3	9	4	13	14	27
Colorado	2	9	7	13	14	27

Three points for WIN, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
New York City FC at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.
Nashville at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at N.Y. Re Bulls, 6:30p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
San Jose at Houston, 7:30p.m.
New England at Minnesota ppd.
Real Salt Lake at St. Louis City SC, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 8:30p.m.
Sporting KC at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 9:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
CF Montréal at Charlotte FC, 6:30p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Cincinnati at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Toronto FC at New England, 6:30p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 6:30p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6:30p.m.
Houston at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Colorado, 8:30p.m.
Minnesota at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
New York City FC at Portland, 9:30p.m.
St. Louis City SC at San Jose, 9:30p.m.
Orlando City at Seattle, 9:30p.m.

MLS SEASON LEADERS

Goals-Allowed Avg.

Daniel	San Jose	0.71
Joe Willis	Nahsville	0.72
David Bingham	Portland	0.83
Andre Blake	Philadelphia	0.84
Roman Celentano	Cincinnati	0.94
Carlos Miguel Coronel	NYRB	0.94
Stefan Frei	Seattle	0.94
Maarten Paes	Dallas	1.00
Pedro Gallese	Orlando	1.07
John McCarthy	LAFC	1.07

Shutouts

Stefan Frei	Seattle	9
Roman Celentano	Cincinnati	8
Steve Clark	Houston	7
Andre Blake	Philadelphia	6
Sean Johnson	Toronto	6
Djordje Petrovic	New England	6
Jonathan Sirois	Montreal	6
Joe Willis	Nashville	6
Pedro Gallese	Orlando	5
John McCarthy	LAFC	5
Tyler Miller	DC United	5
Dayne St. Clair	Minnesota	5
Yohei Takaoka	Vancouver	5

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Washington	6	1	5	23	18	12
Portland	6	2	4	22	29	16
North Carolina	6	4	2	20	18	11
OL Reign	6	4	2	20	19	14
San Diego	6	4	2	20	18	13
Gotham FC	5	4	3	18	13	12
Houston	4	3	5	17	10	10
Louisville	3	3	6	15	15	12
Orlando	4	7	1	13	10	19
Angel City	3	6	3	12	16	22
Chicago	3	8	1	10	16	31
Kansas City	3	9	0	9	13	23

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Washington at Portland, 9:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at Orlando, 6p.m.
Louisville at North Carolina, 6p.m.
OL Reign at San Diego, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Gotham FC, 4:30p.m.
Houston at Angel City, 7p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (4-1-2)

Jan. 25: Serbia 2, U.S. 1
Jan. 28: U.S. 0, Colombia 0
n-March 24: U.S. 7, Grenada 1
n-March 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
April 19: U.S. 1, Mexico 1
n-June 15: U.S. 3, Mexico 0.
n-June 18: U.S. 2, Canada 0
g-Saturday: vs. Jamaica, 8:30 p.m.
g-June 28: vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m.
g-July 2: vs. Nicaragua, 6 p.m.
Oct. 14: vs. Germany, 2 p.m.
Oct. 17: vs. Ghana, 7:30 p.m.
n-Nations Cup; g-CONCACAF Gold Cup

NHL

2023 DRAFT ORDER

Event: June 28-29

ROUND 1

1. Chicago
2. Anaheim
3. Columbus
4. San Jose
5. Montreal
6. Arizona
7. Philadelphia
8. Washington
9. Detroit
10. St. Louis
11. Vancouver
12. Arizona
13. Buffalo
14. Pittsburgh
15. Nashville
16. Calgary
17. Detroit
18. Winnipeg
19. Chicago
20. Seattle
21. Minnesota
22. Philadelphia
23. N.Y. Rangers
24. Nashville
25. St. Louis
26. San Jose
27. Colorado
28. Toronto
29. St. Louis
30. Carolina
31; Montreal
32. Vegas

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	9	3	.750	—
New York	7	3	.700	1
Washington	7	4	.636	1½
Atlanta	5	6	.455	3 ½
Chicago	5	7	.417	4
Indiana	4	7	.364	4½
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Las Vegas	10	1	.909	—
Dallas	6	6	.500	4 ½
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	5
Seattle	3	7	.300	6½
Minnesota	3	8	.273	7
Phoenix	2	8	.200	7½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 85, Atlanta 73
Connecticut at Seattle, late
Minnesota at Los Angeles, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAME
Las Vegas at Phoenix, 2:30p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
no games scheduled

WNBA SEASON LEADERS

through Monday; basketball-reference

OFF. RATING	ORTG	PPG	TM	FG%
Aliyah Boston	140	16.0	Ind	.664
Karlie Samuelson	128	7.3	LA	.511
Jackie Young	128	20.8	LVA	.599
Breanna Stewart	125	23.9	NY	.503
Kayla Thornton	124	5.6	NY	.512
Alysha Clark	121	6.7	LVA	.500
Jessica Shepard	120	9.3	Min	.532
Brittney Griner	120	20.1	Phx	.624
Kiah Stokes	119	2.5	LVA	.550
A'ja Wilson	119	18.5	LVA	.531
Alanna Smith	119	10.3	Chi	.534
Victoria Vivians	118	5.4	Ind	.438
Brionna Jones	118	16.2	Con	.580

DEF. RATING	DRT	RB	S	BK	TM
Arike Ogunbowale	109	3.2	1.6	0.1	Dal
Kia Nurse	108	2.6	1.2	0.1	Sea
Veronica Burton	106	3.4	1.3	0.7	Dal
Napheesa Collier	104	7.0	1.5	1.1	Min
Brittney Griner	104	6.5	1.0	2.5	Phx
Satou Sabally	104	11.0	1.5	0.4	Dal
Natasha Howard	104	7.8	1.3	1.5	Dal

NBA DRAFT

2023 DRAFT ORDER

Event: Thursday at Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

FIRST ROUND

1. San Antonio
2. Charlotte
3. Portland
4. Houston
5. Detroit
6. Orlando
7. Indiana
8. Washington
9. Utah
10. Dallas
11. Orlando
12. Oklahoma City
13. Toronto
14. New Orleans
15. Atlanta
16. Utah
17. L.A. Lakers
18. Miami
19. Golden State
20. Houston
21. Brooklyn
22. Brooklyn
23. Portland
24. Sacramento
25. Memphis
26. Indiana
27. Charlotte
28. Utah
29. Indiana
30. LA Clippers

SECOND ROUND

31. Detroit
32. Indiana
33. San Antonio
34. Charlotte
35. Boston
36. Orlando
37. Oklahoma City
38. Sacramento
39. Charlotte
40. Denver
41. Charlotte
42. Washington
43. Portland
44. San Antonio
45. Memphis
46. Atlanta
47. L.A. Lakers
48. LA Clippers
49. Cleveland
50. Oklahoma City
51. Brooklyn
52. Phoenix
53. Minnesota
54. Sacramento
55. Indiana
56. Memphis

— (f) Chicago
— (f) Philadelphia

57. Washington
58. Milwaukee

f-forfeited picks; source: nba.com

USFL FOOTBALL

PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL
Pittsburgh vs. Michigan, in Canton, Ohio, 8p.m. (NBC)

SUNDAY'S PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL
Birmingham vs. New Orleans, in Birmingham, Ala., 7p.m. (FOX)

USFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Saturday, July 1, 8 p.m.
Division winners, Canton, Ohio, (NBC)

USFL SEASON LEADERS

PASSING YARDS	YDS	TD	I	QBR
McLeod Bethel-Thompson, NO	2,433	14	8	90.8
Case Cookus, Phi	2,295	15	9	85.6
Alex McGough, Bir	2,105	20	5	108.3
Kenji Bahar, Hou	1,712	8	9	77.4
Josh Love, Mich	1,556	13	10	80.8
Cole Kelley, Mem	1,533	7	8	72.9
Troy Williams, Pit	1,414	6	3	86.4
De'Andre Johnson, NJ	940	4	2	84.1
Kyle Lauletta, NJ	416	3	3	77.1
Brady White, Mem	323	2	2	71.8

RUSHING YARDS	CAR	YDS	TD
Wes Hills, NO	180	680	10
Mark Thompson, Hou	135	655	14
Darius Victor, NJ	100	551	4
CJ Marable, Bir	118	524	3
Reggie Corbin, Mich	102	437	2
Alex McGough, Bir	70	403	5
De'Andre Johnson, NJ	56	361	2
Troy Williams, Pit	60	341	3
Stevie Scott, Mich	78	295	1
Kerrith Whyte, Mem	77	281	1

RECEIVING YARDS	REC	YDS	TD	TGT
Corey Coleman, Phi	51	668	4	79
Davion Davis, Bir	39	575	4	58
Sage Surratt, NO	50	552	1	65
Jace Sternberger, Bir	33	517	7	50
Justin Hall, Hou	47	513	4	66
Jonathan Adams, NO	41	511	2	57
Joe Walker, Mich	40	508	3	59
Devin Gray, Phi	50	502	1	75
Isiah Hennie, Pit	46	474	3	64
Johnnie Dixon, NO	33	463	5	64

POINTS	PT	TD	PASS	RUN
A. McGough, Bir	150	25	20	5
L. Aguilar, Phi	94	0	--	--
C. Cookus, Phi	90	15	15	0
McLeod Bethel-Tompson, NO	86	14	14	0
M. Thompson, Hou	84	14	--	14
M. Coghlin, NO	79	0	--	--
J. Love, Mich	78	13	13	0

FIELD GOALS	XP-A	FG-A	LG	PT
Luis Aguilar, Phi	19-20	25-29	56	94
Alex Kessman, Mem	10-13	22-25	54	76
Chris Blewitt, Pit	10-13	21-25	54	73
Matt Coghlin, NO	25-25	18-19	55	79
Brandon Aubrey, Bir	35-35	14-15	49	77
Cole Murphy, Mich	13-17	14-18	51	55
Nick Vogel, Hou	22-26	13-18	49	61
Nick Sciba, NJ	17-18	12-13	56	53
Brandon Wright, Mem	2-3	2-2	35	8
Nathan Hierlihy, Pit	0-1	2-4	47	6

INTERCEPTIONS	INT	YDS	LG
Mark Gilbert, Pit	4	28	16
DJ Daniel, NJ	3	1	1
Amani Dennis, Phi	3	128	72
Vontae Diggs, NO	3	43	29
Frank Ginda, Mich	3	29	22
Arnold Tarpley, Pit	3	80	80

SACKS	TCK	TFL	SCK	YDS
Breeland Speaks, Mich	25	6	9	48
Keonte Schad, NO	15	9	7½	60
Anree Saint-Amour, NO	17	7	6	45
Adam Rodriguez, Phi	18	6	6	31
Hercules Mata'afa, NJ	16	6	6	48
Jordan Williams, Mem	13	6	5½	28
Kolin Hill, NJ	24	6	4½	20
Greg Reaves, Mem	18	4	4½	32
Isaiah Chambers, Hou	22	12	4½	29

TACKLES	SOLO	AST	TCK
Frank Ginda, Mich	49	55	104
Kyahva Tezino, Pit	53	41	94
Chris Orr, NJ	43	39	82
Khalan Tolson, Hou	42	35	77
D'Juan Hines, NJ	29	45	74
Troy Warner, Mem	45	28	73
Vontae Diggs, NO	40	27	67
Jerod Fernandez, NO	39	26	65
Joey Alfieri, Phi	34	28	62
Cody Brown, Phi	40	21	61
Gabriel Sewell Jr., Phi	30	30	60

source: USFLfootball.com

Boulogne-Levallois' Victor Wembanyama, presumed to be the top pick in Thursday night's NBA draft, dunks against Paris on May 16. **THIBAULT CAMUS/AP**

NBA DRAFT

Wembanyama's long frame, versatility tops list of 'bigs'

By Aaron Beard | Associated Press

Victor Wembanyama has long been earmarked to be the No. 1 overall selection in the NBA draft, a player so unusual that he defies traditional categorization.

He headlines The Associated Press' list of big men in the draft with a 7-foot-3 frame that eventually could help him dominate inside to go with his perimeter skills.

The AP previously noted the top guard prospects in the draft, along with forwards and international players to watch. Here's a look at the top big-men likely to hear their names called Thursday night:

Victor Wembanyama, France

Strengths: An incomparable combination of skills and size have made the French star a generational prospect with can't-miss expectations unseen since LeBron James. He can roam the perimeter, handle the ball and shoot off the dribble like a guard, but his length helps him score over defenders inside along with racking up blocks and deflections. And with San Antonio holding the top pick, he'll soon be under the tutelage of a five-time NBA champion in Gregg Popovich.

Among his countless highlights, one play from April stands out: the sight of Wembanyama missing an off-the-dribble stepback 3-pointer — only to fly in and tip dunk his own miss.

Concerns: Essentially none. The 19-year-old could probably stand to add strength to handle physical defenders.

Dereck Lively II, Duke

Strengths: The lean 7-foot-1 freshman arrived at Duke as 247sports' No. 2-ranked national recruit and came on in the season's second half as a strong rim protector nimble enough to defend in open space. He ranked ninth nationally in blocked shots (2.41). The highlight came in a February win against rival North Carolina, when the first-round prospect dominated while scoring just four points thanks to 14 rebounds and eight blocks.

Duke coach Jon Scheyer said Tuesday that Lively's role "directly translates" as a modern big capable of handling defensive switches and being a lob threat.

"I think that's the hardest adjustment for a lot of college players: They're used to always having the ball in their hands and always scoring," Scheyer said. "... For him, it can be seamless. I know obviously you can talk about potential with him, but I think about readiness with him because of what he's done this past year and who he is as a player."

Concerns: The 19-year-old wasn't a dominant rebounder despite his length (5.4 average, six double-digit outings in 34 games). His offensive game was limited beyond putbacks and alley-oops, including a scoreless game with no shot attempts in 36 minutes against a physical Tennessee team as Duke fell in the NCAA Tournament's second round. Adding bulk to a 230-pound frame could help both areas.

Trayce Jackson-Davis, Indiana

Strengths: The Indiana senior was an Associated Press All-America first-team pick, mixing reliability, versatility and athleticism. He ranked sixth in Division I in rebounding (10.8) and eighth in double-doubles (18) while also ranking in the top 20 in scoring (20.9) with multiple post moves. And he stepped up his production heading into the March spotlight, averaging 24.7 points on 61.5% shooting in his final six games.

Defensively, he ranked fourth nationally in blocked shots (2.88) with a 7-1 wingspan, making him a well-rounded interior presence who could hear his name called in the back half of the first round.

Concerns: He's a bit undersized (6-8, 240) for an interior-focused player who has shown little outside of 15 feet. He's a career 67.6% shooter at the foul line who never hit 70% in a season, and his 3-point history consists entirely of going 0 for 3 as a junior. He also is one of the oldest prospects at 23 years old.

Others to note

Noah Clowney, Alabama
James Nnaji, Nigeria
Adama Sanogo, UConn
Oscar Tshiebwe, Kentucky

IN BRIEF

Police raid Paris Olympic HQ

News services

French police searched the Paris Olympic organizers' headquarters on Tuesday as part of corruption investigations into contracts linked to the Games, according to prosecutors, the third straight time graft allegations have dogged a Summer Olympics.

The Paris organizing committee said in a statement that a search was carried out at its headquarters in the suburb of Saint-Denis and it was cooperating with investigators. It defended what it called "stringent procedures" around several hundred contracts it has awarded for the Games.

Tuesday's search and other related raids were linked to two preliminary investigations of the Paris Olympics, according to an official with the financial prosecutor's office, who was not authorized to be publicly named according to office policy. One probe was opened in 2017 — the year Paris was picked by the International Olympic Committee as the 2024 host — and the other began last year.

■ Juan Cuadrado scored one goal and set up another for Colombia to beat Germany 2-0 in a friendly Gelsenkirchen, Germany and deepen the sense of crisis around the German team one year before the country hosts Euro 2024. Colombia's win was its first ever over Germany, a four-time world champion that appears to have forgotten how to win.

Auto racing: Joe Gibbs has sold a minority stake in his eponymous NASCAR team to prominent members of the group awaiting approval to take over ownership of the NFL's Commanders. Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment and Arctos Partners have reached an agreement to buy the Commanders from Dan Snyder pending approval.

Colleges: Nate Ackenhausen combined with Riley Cooper for LSU's nation-leading 11th shutout of the season in a 5-0 victory over Tennessee in the College World Series The Tigers (50-16) will play No. 1 national seed Wake Forest on Wednesday night.

NBA: F Kyle Kuzma will be a free agent when the league's annual offseason shopping period starts next week. Kuzma has declined his $13 million player option with the Wizards for next season. Kuzma averaged a career-best 21.2 points last season.

NFL: Dolphins WR Tyreek Hill is under investigation by Miami-Dade police for allegedly hitting a man on Sunday, according to media reports. The incident was first reported by WPLG-TV in Miami after the station received a tip Sunday night. The station reported that Hill got into an argument with an employee of a charter company at Haulover Marina in Miami, which apparently ended with Hill hitting the man. ... The Rams re-signed RB Sony Michel, a member of their Super Bowl championship team. Michel rushed for 845 yards and four touchdowns while also catching 21 passes during the 2021-22 season for the Rams, who acquired him from the Patriots in a preseason trade. ... The Steelers signed LB Nick Kwiatkoski to a one-year deal following a tryout with his hometown team. ... Patriots DB Jack Jones pleaded not guilty to nine counts of weapons violations in connection with his arrest at a Logan Airport security checkpoint with two loaded guns in his carry-on bag.

NHL: F Zemgus Girgensons is returning to the Sabres for a 10th season after signing a one-year, $2.5 million contract.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

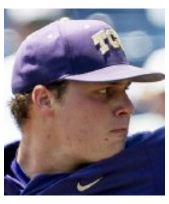
Messi to make Miami debut July 21

Lionel Messi is expected to make his Major League Soccer debut with Inter Miami at a July 21 home game, the team confirmed Tuesday. Owner Jorge Mas told selected outlets on Monday that his club and Messi have agreed to terms and are finalizing paperwork and a visa. The team confirmed certain details Tuesday to The Associated Press, including that Messi will be signing a contract through the end of the 2025 season with an option for 2026. Messi's contract will be worth $50 million to $60 million per year, the team said. He cannot sign until sometime in July, after his contract with Paris Saint-Germain expires. Messi, 35, announced on June 7 that he was joining Miami. The Argentinian great's first game in Fort Lauderdale would be against Cruz Azul in the Leagues Cup. The team also confirmed Tuesday that it is increasing capacity at DRV PNK Stadium by 3,000 to 3,200 seats in the next four weeks by filling in the corners, raising capacity to about 22,000. "I think there will always be a before and after Messi when we talk about the sport in the United States," Mas told the Miami Herald.

MLB to honor Mays, Negro Leagues

Major League Baseball will stage a Negro Leagues tribute game at Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 20, 2024, between the Giants and the Cardinals. The 10,800-seat stadium, opened in 1910, is the oldest professional ballpark in the U.S. The stadium was home to the Birmingham Black Barons from 1924-60. The game will honor Hall of Famer Willie Mays, a Birmingham native who began his pro career with the team in 1948. MLB said Tuesday it is staging the game around the Juneteenth holiday, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in Texas in 1865. There also will be a Double-A game at the ballpark between the Birmingham Barons and Montgomery Biscuits of the Southern League on June 18. The Cardinals will be the home team for the June 20 game, scheduled to start shortly after 7 p.m. EDT and to be televised on Fox. Period uniforms will be used relating to the Negro Leagues history of San Francisco and St. Louis. "The legacy of the Negro Leagues and its greatest living player, Willie Mays, is one of excellence and perseverance," Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement.

TCU ends ORU's Cinderella story



TCU used a four-run fifth inning to take control of the game and went on to beat Oral Roberts 6-1 in a College World Series elimination game Tuesday in Omaha, Neb., ending the Golden Eagles' surprising postseason run. The Horned Frogs (44-23) will play Florida next and would need to defeat the No. 2 national seed Wednesday and again Thursday to reach the best-of-three finals. TCU avenged Friday's 6-5 loss to the Golden Eagles and has won two straight to put itself in position to play for its bracket title. "We're playing in Omaha and in an elimination game," said starting pitcher Cam Brown, pictured. "I think that's the motivation we needed. We've been doing it all year with our backs against the wall." It was a rough ending for ORU (52-14), the first No. 4 regional seed in 11 years to reach the CWS. The Eagles of the Summit League scored their fewest runs since March 12 and lost consecutive games for the first time since that same date. The Eagles were 2 of 16 with runners on base against TCU, and the game ended with the bases loaded when Matt Hogan struck out for the fifth time. *—Associated Press*

Billie Jean King was among nearly 60 players in a London hotel meeting that launched the WTA in 1973. **KAMRAN JEBREILI/AP**

TENNIS

King recalls historic day

Legend was part of meeting that launched WTA 50 years ago

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

A half-century later, Billie Jean King thinks back on the landmark gathering of female tennis players at a London hotel shortly before they competed at Wimbledon and acknowledges she wasn't sure how things would go that day.

"I had no idea. Absolute toss-up. Because you never really know. What I did know was that certain players didn't like what we were trying to do," King said in an interview with The Associated Press. "And I did know it had to happen that day. Had to."

Wednesday marks the 50th anniversary of the meeting on June 21, 1973, at the Gloucester Hotel — about a mile south of Hyde Park in the heart of the British capital — where King and nearly 60 other players agreed to form what today is known as the Women's Tennis Association or WTA. They paved the way for their sport, and women's sports in general, to grow.

A reunion at that same hotel on June 30 is planned, with King, a twice-inducted member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and an equal rights advocate, along with a dozen or so other founding members of the WTA, such as Rosie Casals, Betty Stöve, Françoise Dürr and Ingrid Löfdahl-Bentzer.

What memory stands out the most for King from that historic occasion?

"Standing at that podium and telling them, 'This is it. We have to do this. I'm not going to spend any more time on it if we don't make it happen now. But I know we're going to make it.' I said, 'This is our moment of truth. It's probably the most important decision we're ever going to make for our sport. So let's get it right,'" King recounted, rapping her right palm on a table. "I kept saying, 'We have to do this. We've got to be together.' "

It was the beginning of what King said she kept referring to at the time as a "union," but what her lawyer kept reminding her was more properly referred to as an "association," bringing all women's professional tennis players under one umbrella.

"It was difficult to get everybody to feel as if they could commit and not worry about being penalized. They looked upon us to lead them the right way — and we did," Casals said in a telephone interview. "We hoped we had done the job by convincing the women they had to be there. Some of them hemmed and hawed, but eventually they joined."

The group's name initially was the Women's International Tennis Association, but King jokes now that she insisted: "Let's not do more than three letters, please. I can't remember it if there are too many letters. Can we just do three?" Eventually, it was shortened.

Before what turned into a successful vote to move forward with the effort, King asked Stöve — a Dutch player who won 10 Grand Slam titles in women's or mixed doubles and later served three terms as WTA president — to block the conference room's exit.

"I had Betty back there. I said, 'Don't let anybody out until we have an association,'" King said. "But nobody left. Not one person even got up. It was amazing. We had their attention."

King was elected president, Virginia Wade was chosen vice president, Lesley Hunt was assistant vice president, Dürr and Löfdahl Bentzer were co-secretaries, Stöve was treasurer, and Casals chaired a committee to examine the rankings system.

This was nearly three years after the Original 9 group of King, Casals and seven other female players — Peaches Bartkowicz, Judy Dalton, Julie Heldman, Kerry Melville Reid, Kristy Pigeon, Nancy Richey and Valerie Ziegenfuss — signed $1 contracts with World Tennis Magazine publisher Gladys Heldman on Sept. 23, 1970, to participate in the first women-only tennis tournament.

That set the stage for the Virginia Slims circuit and, eventually, the WTA.

"Probably the two happiest days of my life — my tennis life, not my real life — were the Original 9 and the WTA," said King, whose 39 Grand Slam trophies include 12 in singles. "To get people to change. To get people to be together. To get people to have one voice and have power."

A few years later, Chris Evert surpassed $1 million in career earnings, the first female athlete to do so. A decade later, Martina Navratilova made that in one season.

"To look back and to look forward and to see where women's tennis is today? I would love to play now," said Casals, who won eight Grand Slam titles in women's or mixed doubles and twice was the singles runner-up at the U.S. Open.

These days, the WTA has more than 50 tournaments at its top level, along with about 20 others on a lower tier and, including Grand Slam tournaments — which now all pay equal amounts to women and men — more than $180 million available in prize money each season.

"The sport is still not where we want it, but 50 years has just gone like that," King said, clapping her hands for emphasis. "I like the fact we've helped other sports, too, because we're teeing up a culture of women's sports. I know we started it. We're the ones. I don't know how long we'll be the leaders, but we're still the leaders."

Major drought lingers for McIlroy

By Doug Ferguson | Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The only thing worse for players than getting asked about winning their first major are endless questions about when they will win another one.

That's what Rory McIlroy is facing.

The scrutiny no longer is limited to the spring, with Augusta National on the horizon and the reminder that a Masters green jacket is all that keeps McIlroy from the career Grand Slam. Any major will suffice at this point.

And about the only answer is what Wyndham Clark offered not long after the tears, the hugs and the hoisting of the U.S. Open trophy.

Rory McIlroy reacts to a missed birdie putt during the U.S. Open. **RICHARD HEATHCOTE/GETTY**

"I just feel like it was my time," Clark said. Sometimes there's no better explanation.

Clark never had to face the "when" question because he earned his first PGA Tour victory only six weeks ago, and because the U.S. Open was only the seventh major he had ever played.

He showed big game at Los Angeles Country Club, from the par saves around the turn to his deft touch with a wedge and putter over the last two holes to preserve his one-shot win over McIlroy. Perhaps five years from now it won't seem like such a surprise, at least for Clark.

Tiger Woods never faced those questions, either. Much of those 11 years between his 14th and 15th major was more about when he would play than when he would win.

Woods had reconstructive knee surgery and four back operations. McIlroy missed one major after hurting his knee playing soccer.

McIlroy is a massive talent, and so it's reasonable to at least consider whether a four-time major champion has underachieved. Worth noting is winning majors has become tougher than ever as golf gets deeper and younger. Of the 33 majors McIlroy has played since his last win, 21 of those winners were younger than him.

More alarming is not that McIlroy failed to win Sunday, rather that he has given himself so few chances over the last nine years.

Since his last major title in near darkness at Valhalla in 2014 at the PGA Championship, he has played in the final group only twice — he was three behind Patrick Reed in the 2018 Masters and tied with Viktor Hovland last year at St. Andrews in the British Open.

Los Angeles allowed for natural comparisons with St. Andrews. It's not so much what McIlroy did wrong as what he failed to do — make putts. He hit all 18 greens and took 36 putts in the British Open. He didn't make a putt longer than 7 feet over the final 33 holes of the U.S. Open.

The final day at LACC wasn't quite that bad, but it wasn't great. McIlroy had 16 pars, one bogey and one birdie. That's a round that often wins a U.S. Open. It's just that this Open featured two 62s and a 63 before the week was over. McIlroy didn't make a birdie over the last 17 holes.

There wasn't much left for him when he finished but to hope for Clark to three-putt — yes, he was hoping for such an outcome because it was all he had — and when that 60-foot putt settled a foot next to the hole, McIlroy didn't bother to stick around in the scoring trailer to watch him finish.

"As soon as he cozied it up there, I was like, 'OK, get through this, and then go home and regroup,'" he said.

By "get through this," that would be mean a brief inquisition. He knew what was coming. What happened? How come? What's next?

When?

The next chance — the last chance this year — was 32 days away from when McIlroy signed for an even-par 70. The British Open is at Royal Liverpool, where McIlroy won the claret jug in 2014 when he took a six-shot lead into the final day and was never seriously challenged.

That was his time.

Sunday at LACC was not, just like so many others, some of them recent. He was tied for the lead at the Memorial and shot 75 to finish four back. He was two behind going into the final round at the Canadian Open and shot 70 to finish five shots behind.

This time he was in the penultimate group, one shot behind and playing in the group in front of two players — Clark and Rickie Fowler — who had never won a major.

His regret was not making putts — that's true with everyone — and not waiting for a gust to settle when he had a wedge in his hand going into the par-5 14th. Stranger still was why he chose to lay up from a reasonable lie in the left rough. But that's hindsight. Reality is coming up short and taking bogey to lose ground when he could least afford it.

"I'm getting closer," McIlroy said. "The more I keep putting myself in these positions, sooner or later it's going to happen for me. Just got to regroup and get focused for Hoylake."

That's what Fowler used to say when he was finishing in the top five at all the majors in 2014, and what he can say again with the turnaround in his game.

All anyone can say is it starts with opportunity. The questions don't stop — for Fowler getting his first one, for McIlroy getting his next one — until it leads to a trophy.

Chicago Tribune

FOOD & HEALTH

Dida Ritz performs during the '90s Pride Drag Brunch in the Walnut Room at Macy's in Chicago on June 10. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

COLUMN

Welcoming space

Drag brunch prevails at The Walnut Room, where history and radical acceptance collide

By Louisa Chu | Chicago Tribune

Every other weekend or so, if you head up seven floors to The Walnut Room, in the store once known as Marshall Field's on State Street in Chicago, you'll feel the music before you see the spotlights beaming from the show.

If you planned ahead, you'll end up seated somewhere around the fountain, where the holiday tree usually hangs. The tree is literally hung from the ceiling, to keep some seasonal weight off the floor, with the priceless Tiffany domed ceiling below.

That floor has carried the weight of generations. Families come not just for the winter holidays, but new traditions too — notably drag brunches nearly every weekend throughout the year.

Macy's, which bought Field's in 2006, announced the first drag brunch at the restaurant to kick off LGBTQ+ Pride Month back in June 2021.

They seemed, for the most part, to have escaped the hate campaigns that escalated in 2022. UpRising Bakery and Cafe in Lake in the Hills, a suburb about an hour's drive northwest of the city, canceled a sold-out family-friendly drag event after a vandal smashed windows last July.

Despite the pushback, the shows went on elsewhere and at The Walnut Room, except during the busy holiday season.

Just before Thanksgiving, a report by the world's largest LGBTQ+ media advocacy organization found drag events in Illinois were among the most targeted in this country.

Yet they resumed on the seventh floor above State Street in January, with a Mariah Carey-themed "All I Want for Christmas Is You" event.

In April, a hate campaign targeted a "Mario Party" video game-themed brunch scheduled for May at The Walnut Room.

I happened to attend that event, unaware of the controversy.

At the finale, through the booming music and beaming lights, the host made a moving statement.

"I never could have imagined, being a Black nonbinary bearded drag queen, that I would ever have a show in this kind of space," Lucy Stoole said.

When we spoke later to discuss what I believe is perhaps the most important space to do drag in the city, Lucy Stoole — who uses she/

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Host Lucy Stoole interacts with guests during '90s Pride Drag Brunch on June 10.

Step right up

Workers in Lincoln Square's new gelato shop perform circus acts as they serve up vegan scoops

By Jenna Smith
Chicago Tribune

Red and white pinstripes line the walls, as multicolored balloons hover above the group of magicians, contortionists and jugglers hard at work. Sticky fingers and faces wander about with sugar-fueled smiles, parents in tow.

While you might assume that you've stumbled into the circus, you'd only be about half-right. In reality, you've happened upon Sideshow Gelato — a new Lincoln Square gelato shop with a niche twist. Each of the "scoopers" are young performers honing their sideshow acts. While serving gelato, they sharpen their juggling, magic and performance skills before customers.

Behind the counter, you might find Dylan Snow — a close-up magician who left his electrician apprenticeship

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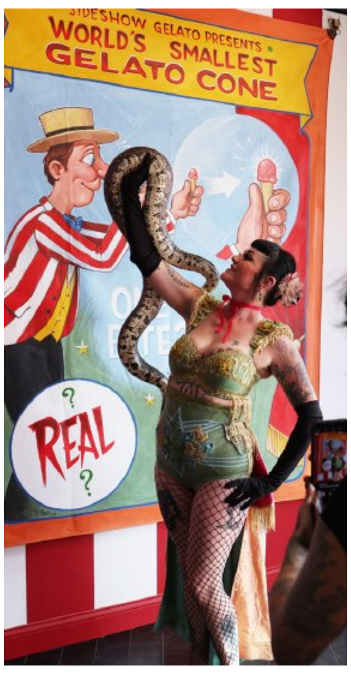

Candi Crucifix with her Colombian red tail boa constrictor named Cletus at Sideshow Gelato on June 1. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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6 must-try samples at one of Chicago's biggest vegan food fests

By Lauryn Azu
Chicago Tribune

Chicago loves a good festival — so much so that thousands of determined Chicagoans braved the sweltering June heat and humidity to queue for vegan foods on a recent Saturday in Grant Park.

In case you missed Vegandale, the touring bash that brought over 100 food stalls, DJs blasting everything from Lil Jon to Chaka Khan and Instagram-ready installations to the lawns along DuSable Lake Shore Drive, I'm here to catch you up. I felt all the cookout vibes — line dancing, lawn chairs, bellows of smoke from grills. A bevy of chefs and food entrepreneurs were there hawking their plant-based delicacies, along with over a dozen brands offering free samples.

It would've been a challenge to try everything available, but here are some I did sample, not listed in any particular order. You can try these at your leisure around town — no lines necessary.

Jesse Flores prepares tacos for El Hongo Mágico Taqueria during the Vegandale event at Grant Park on June 10. **VINCENT D. JOHNSON/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

GLOW Super Food: Can you scream ice cream? Well, more like "nice" cream. The "shroom"-based dessert bar brand incorporates adaptogenic "superfood" ingredients into its flavors. GLOW founder Mary Tobias worked at Stephanie Izard's Girl & the Goat and Grant Achatz's Michelin-starred Roister, and also owns Lincoln Cafe and Market in North Center. All GLOW flavors are gluten-free. At Vegandale, rich creamy flavors such as vanilla

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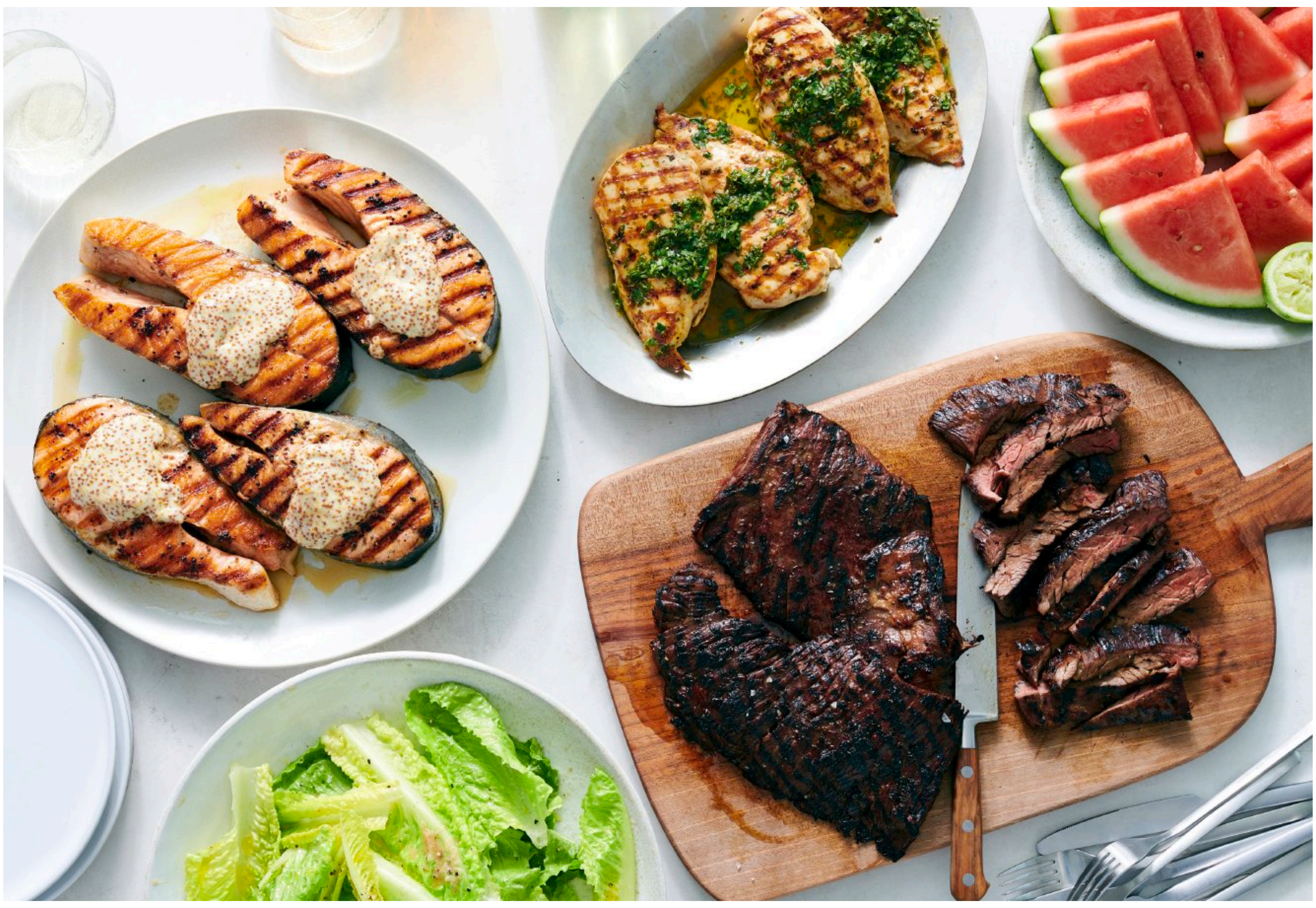

Clockwise from left, grilled salmon, grilled chicken breasts and grilled steak. **DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Grilling essentials

With a little practice and these fail-proof recipes, cookouts will be a breeze

By Steven Raichlen
The New York Times

Grilling may be the world's oldest, most universal cooking method, but that doesn't guarantee automatic success. Just ask the person who routinely burns the burgers or whose fish always sticks to the grate. Suppose you're a newcomer to grilling or you just want a refresher. You don't need to start with the thermodynamics of fire, the physics of fuels, the architecture of grills.

Focus instead on the basics and a handful of dishes to put into your summer rotation: a tender, juicy steak; grilled chicken breast that actually tastes interesting; pork chops that evoke the spice and smoky flavors of your favorite barbecue joint; juicy burgers safely cooked; and fish that easily releases from the grate.

There are five methods of live-fire cooking: direct grilling, indirect, smoking, spit-roasting and on the embers, but direct grilling is the most universal. This means cooking tender, small or thin foods, like steaks or chops, directly over a hot fire. Don't confuse it with barbecue, which uses low, slow heat away from the food to smoke things such as Texas brisket and Carolina pork shoulder.

How to start and heat a grill

When using a charcoal grill, light the coals in a chimney starter. You'll have glowing embers in 15 to 20 minutes, no oily lighter fluid required. When using a gas grill, be sure to have the lid open when you light it to prevent a potentially dangerous buildup of propane. Use that waiting time to marinate your steaks or apply a rub to pork.

Build a tiered fire to control the heat: Rake the coals into a thicker layer in the back of the grill (your searing zone) and a thinner layer in the center (your cooking zone), with no coals in the front third of the grill (your safety zone). On a gas grill, set one burner on high and one on medium, leaving the third burner off (your safety zone). If your grill lacks a third burner, use the warming rack as your safety zone. Control the heat — and the cooking — simply by moving the food between the hotter and cooler zones.

Begin with a hot, clean grate

Clean hot grates with a stiff wire brush or wooden scraper (many people use the latter to avoid the slim but documented risk of ingesting a stray bristle). Oiling the grate minimizes sticking and gives you better grill marks. Use a paper towel folded into a tight pad, dipped in vegetable oil and drawn across the grate. Alternatively, use a chunk of bacon or steak fat, or half an onion impaled on a carving fork (a move that never fails to impress).

Cook evenly and accurately

Avoid overcrowding. Leave at least 1 inch between each piece of food for better heat circulation, and leave at least 25% of your grill grate free of food so you have room to maneuver and dodge flare-ups.

Use an instant-read meat thermometer to check for doneness. Insert it through the side of a burger or chicken breast, not through the top, to get an accurate reading.

Let the meat rest

Transfer your perfectly grilled steak or chop to a wire rack over a sheet pan (this keeps the bottom from getting soggy) or directly onto a platter or plates and let it rest for 1 minute before serving. This allows the meat to "relax" and the juices to redistribute, resulting in juicier, more tender meat.

INSIDE-OUT CHEESEBURGERS

Makes: 4 burgers
Total time: 40 minutes
2 pounds chilled ground beef (ideally 15% to 20% fat)
8 ounces aged provolone, sharp cheddar or pepper jack, coarsely grated
Neutral oil, as needed
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 brioche hamburger buns
Condiments (such as mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, Sriracha, etc.)
Lettuce leaves
Sliced tomatoes
Thinly sliced onions
Sliced pickles

1. Combine the ground beef and cheese in a bowl and mix with a wooden spoon. Rinse your hands under cold water. Form the mixture into 4 burgers, each about 1 inch thick, and use your thumb to form a slight depression in the center of each. Place the burgers on a platter or small baking sheet lined with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to grill.

2. Light your grill and heat to high. Brush or scrape grill grate clean. To oil your grate, fold a paper towel into a tight pad. Dip it in a small bowl of oil and, holding it at end of grill tongs, draw it over bars of the grate.

3. Just before grilling, season the burgers on both sides with salt and pepper. Arrange the burgers on the grate, cover with grill lid and cook for 1 ½ to 2 minutes; then, using a metal spatula, rotate each burger a quarter turn (this will help them cook more evenly). Cook until sizzling and browned on the bottom, 1 ½ to 2 minutes longer. Flip the burgers and cook the other side the same way, with lid closed. To test for doneness, insert the probe of an instant-read thermometer through the side of the burger; you're looking for a safe temperature of 160 degrees.

4. Meanwhile, open the buns and toast the cut sides on the grill as well, about 1 minute. (Watch carefully.)

5. Assemble the burgers: Slather the buns with your favorite condiments. Place a lettuce leaf on the bottom. (This keeps the meat juices from making the bun soggy.) Add the burger, tomatoes, onions, pickles and, finally, the top bun.

Adding shredded cheese to the ground beef for these inside-out cheeseburgers helps to keep the patties juicy.

GRILLED SALMON

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 35 minutes
4 center-cut salmon steaks, each ¾- to 1-inch thick
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
¾ cup mayonnaise
½ cup grainy mustard or Dijon-style mustard
Neutral oil, for greasing the grill grate

1. Season the salmon steaks on both sides with salt and pepper.

2. Combine mayonnaise and mustard in a small bowl and whisk to mix. Using a spoon, spread some of the mixture on the fish on both sides (about 2 tablespoons per side).

3. Light your grill and heat to high. Brush or scrape the grill grate clean and oil it well: Fold a paper towel into a tight pad. Dip it in a small bowl of oil and, holding it at the end of your grill tongs, draw it over the bars of the grate.

4. Arrange the salmon steaks diagonally on the hot grill grates and lower the lid to cover. Grill the fish on one side, undisturbed, for 3 to 4 minutes. By the time the bottoms of the salmon steaks show grill marks, they will release easily from the hot grates; turn them over with a thin-bladed spatula.

5. Spoon the remaining mustard mayonnaise on top, in the center of each salmon steak. Close the grill lid and grill the second side until the grill marks are browned on top and the salmon feels semi-firm when pinched between your thumb and forefinger on the sides.

6. Transfer the salmon to a platter or plates and serve.

GRILLED CHICKEN BREASTS

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 45 minutes
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (1 ½ to 2 pounds)
½ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice, plus 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
½ cup minced fresh, stemmed herbs (can include basil, rosemary, sage, tarragon, dill, cilantro and flat-leaf parsley or a mix)
1 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for oiling grill grate

1. Arrange the chicken breasts in a baking dish just large enough to hold them in a single layer.

2. Make the marinade: Place the lemon juice and zest in a bowl and whisk in ½ teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Gradually whisk in the fresh herbs and olive oil. Correct the seasoning, adding salt and pepper to taste. Set half the marinade aside for serving as sauce.

3. Pour the remaining mixture over the chicken breasts, turning to coat both sides. Marinate the chicken at room temperature while you light your grill.

4. Light grill and heat to high. Brush or scrape the grill grate clean and oil it well: Fold a paper towel into a tight pad. Dip it in a small bowl of oil and, holding it at the end of your grill tongs, draw it over the bars of the grate.

5. Remove the chicken breasts from the marinade, shaking off any excess and discarding the used marinade. Arrange the chicken breasts diagonally on the grill grates, close the grill lid and grill the chicken for 1 ½ to 2 minutes, then give each breast a quarter turn and grill for another 1 ½ to 2 minutes. (This gives the breasts a handsome crosshatch of grill marks and helps them cook more evenly.) If any flare-ups occur, simply move the chicken to a cooler section of the grill.

6. When the chicken breasts are browned underneath, invert and grill the other side the same way, covering the grill again. The internal temperature of the chicken breasts should be 165 degrees; insert the probe of your thermometer through the side.

7. Transfer chicken breasts to a platter or plates. Spoon the reserved marinade over them and serve at once. Season to taste.

GRILLED STEAK

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 35 minutes
½ cup bourbon
½ cup maple syrup
½ cup soy sauce
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 ½ to 2 pounds skirt steaks
Neutral oil, as needed

1. Place the bourbon, maple syrup, soy sauce and pepper in a large baking dish; whisk to mix. Add the skirt steaks (cut in half if needed to fit) and turn a couple times to coat. Marinate the steaks at room temperature for 15 to 20 minutes.

2. While the steaks marinate, light your grill and heat to high. Brush or scrape grill grate clean. To oil your grate, fold a paper towel into a tight pad. Dip it in a small bowl of oil and, holding it at the end of your grill tongs, draw it over bars of the grate.

3. Drain the skirt steaks well, saving the marinade to prepare an easy sauce, if desired (see note). Blot steaks dry with paper towels, then lightly drizzle them with oil on both sides.

4. Arrange the steaks diagonally on the grill grates. Grill for 1 ½ minutes, then rotate each skirt steak a quarter turn and grill for another 1 ½ to 2 minutes. (This gives the steaks a handsome crosshatch of grill marks and helps them cook more evenly.) If any flare-ups occur, move the steaks to a cooler section of the grill.

5. When the steaks are browned underneath and blood starts to bead on top, invert the steaks and grill the other side the same way. The total cooking time will be 3 minutes or so per side for medium-rare. (Insert the thermometer probe through the side of the steak; 135 degrees is ideal for medium-rare, 145 for medium and 155 for medium-well.)

6. Transfer the steaks to a platter or plates and let rest for 1 minute. Divide into 4 portions and serve at once.

Note: If you're feeling ambitious enough to make a sauce, reserve the marinade when you drain the steaks. Transfer it to a saucepan and boil until reduced by half, 3 to 6 minutes. Whisk in 2 tablespoons butter; season to taste with salt and pepper.

GRILLED PORK CHOPS

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 40 minutes
2 teaspoons kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal)
2 teaspoons black pepper
2 teaspoons sweet or hot paprika (or pimentón)
2 packed teaspoons light or dark brown sugar
4 bone-in or boneless pork chops (each ¾- to 1-inch thick)
Neutral oil, as needed

1. Mix the salt, pepper, paprika and brown sugar in a small bowl. Blot the pork chops dry with paper towels, then set on a sheet pan. Season on both sides with the spice rub, patting the seasonings into the meat with the flat of a fork. Lightly drizzle the chops with oil on both sides. Let sit at room temperature while you light the grill.

2. Light your grill and heat to high. (Note: If grilling pork chops that are thicker than 1 inch, heat the grill to medium-high so they have enough time on the grill to cook through without burning on the outside.) Brush or scrape the grill grate clean and oil it well: Fold a paper towel into a tight pad. Dip it in a small bowl of oil and, holding it at the end of your grill tongs, draw it over the bars of the grate.

3. Arrange the pork chops diagonally on the grill grates. Close the lid and grill for 1 ½ to 2 minutes, then rotate each chop a quarter turn and grill for another 1 ½ to 2 minutes. (This gives the chops a handsome crosshatch of grill marks and helps them cook more evenly.) If any flare-ups occur, simply move the chops to a cooler section of the grill.

4. When the bottoms of the chops are browned, flip and grill the other side the same way, closing the grill again. The total cooking time will be 3 to 4 minutes per side for medium (about 145 degrees).

5. Transfer the chops to a platter or plates and let rest for 3 to 5 minutes before serving.

Espresso martini once again 'drink of moment'

Never waning in popularity, cocktail ranks among classics

By Jenn Harris
Los Angeles Times

In the best hands, the espresso martini is a potent elixir. But even poorly made, says one cocktail expert, "it still tastes OK." DREAMSTIME

LOS ANGELES — On weekends, the espresso martini is one of the top-selling drinks at the Lets Go! Disco & Cocktail Club in downtown Los Angeles.

"It's the drink of the moment," beverage director and co-owner Lee Zaremba said on a recent evening at the bar as the glint from a slowly spinning disco ball reflected off his face.

The Italian-style, '70s-themed bar opened late last year with a cocktail menu that included three takes on the Negroni and a few drinks labeled "fun and citrusy" as well as "stirred and boozy."

And even though an espresso martini is not a drink you might expect to find at a bar whose specific theme predates the cocktail's invention in the early 1980s, Zaremba made sure to include it on his drink list.

"We wanted to open with one because it's a drink that connects cocktail culture and what mainstream people know," he said. "Also, Red Bull and vodka sucks."

Zaremba's iteration has a voracious head, cut with the cold bitter snap of Intelligentsia 5-to-1 cold brew, Averna amaro, Cynar, a touch of simple syrup and vodka. It's garnished with a smattering of grated espresso beans.

It's never been difficult to understand the drink's appeal. In capable hands, it can be a potent elixir that guarantees a jolt of caffeine and a sweet buzz. But after receding into the background for several years, the espresso martini is once again on everyone's lips, showing up at bars around town, new and old.

The drink was a recent addition to the cocktail menu at Connie and Ted's, a New England-inspired seafood restaurant in West Hollywood, though the restaurant has been open for nearly a decade.

"People were asking for it all summer long," said general manager Matthew De Marte. "It wasn't on our beverage list, but everyone wanted it."

By September, a martini made with Amass vodka, coffee liqueur, Baileys Irish cream and Lamill espresso was on the menu.

"We always wonder when a cocktail is really popular, if it's on a TV show and then people start asking for it," De Marte said. "We just figured it was featured somewhere or a TikTok thing."

The drink does makes frequent appearances on the reality TV series "Below Deck," a show that features the crew of a luxury yacht. It's a favorite among the crew and the wealthy patrons who hire the boat. It speaks to the accessibility of the cocktail, which in its basic format includes ingredients you're likely to find at any bar: a base spirit, a coffee liqueur and espresso or coffee. It's a drink any bartender can conjure at a dive bar, a chain restaurant in a suburb or the fanciest restaurant in a big city.

But though the espresso martini has been considered mainstream for decades now, it wasn't an overnight phenomenon.

According to Simon Difford of the Difford's Guide, one of the most comprehensive cocktail resources on the internet, a bartender named Dick Bradsell created the vodka espresso cocktail at Soho Brasserie in London in the early 1980s. At the request of a model who was in need of a drink to "wake her up and (expletive) her up," Bradsell whipped up a tipple inspired by the coffee grounds littering the service station next to him. He combined fresh espresso with vodka, sugar syrup, Kahlua and Tia Maria.

Difford, who met Bradsell in the 1990s and eventually became lifelong friends with the bartender, said he didn't have his first espresso martini until years after it was invented.

"A few of us had had a vodka espresso and it wasn't a big drink," Difford said. "It only started to get more traction in the '90s when he renamed it the martini because everything else at that time was called the martini."

Cocktails served in V-shaped glasses were all the rage at the bars in London, along with fresh fruit drinks like the watermelon martini.

"People wanted to order anything with the name 'martini' and that's when it really took off," he said.

Bradsell retooled the drink again and renamed it the Pharmaceutical Stimulant in 1998 to coincide with the theme of a bar he was working in at the time. He's credited with inventing dozens of memorable cocktails, including the Bramble, but the espresso martini's popularity (once it became the espresso martini) never really waned, and it's now one of the best known classic cocktails in the world.

Over the years, the drink has become more representative of a "let's party" mindset and an overall flavor profile, rather than an actual recipe. If the mere presence of a caffeine-fueled, coffee-scented dark substance is detected, that's enough to warrant the name.

"You can swap out the base spirit," said Difford, who prefers his made with aged grappa. "You can use cold brew instead of freshly brewed coffee. You can add other liqueurs and flavored syrups. It just works."

At the now-closed Rao's in Las Vegas, a few years after the New York City Italian restaurant opened at Caesars Palace in the mid-2000s, the espresso martini started as a shot. Pure, the hotel's signature nightclub, was one of the hottest spots at the time, and visitors often grabbed dinner at Rao's before going dancing.

"You're in an Italian place, and you do shots of espresso. The owners were always drinking lots of espresso, and we just kind of incorporated booze," said Tracy Jeantet, now general manager at Rao's in Hollywood.

The restaurant made shots with espresso and vodka, shaking them up and then doling them out in a line of shot glasses at the bar. Eventually, the drink transitioned to a full cocktail made with vanilla vodka, Kahlua and fresh espresso. Rao's director of operations, Patrick Hickey, dubbed the concoction the Spark Plug, and he brought it to Rao's in Hollywood when the restaurant opened in 2013.

Last year, the restaurant switched up the formula, introducing Mario's Hard Espresso, a robust coffee liqueur, to the recipe. Bartender Ashley Burns also adds a splash of Cointreau for a hint of citrus. The Rao's Spark Plug has one of the most impressive heads on top of the cocktail, with at least half an inch of foam that teeters on the edge of overflowing the coupe glass.

"It's been a mainstay at the restaurant since we opened," Jeantet said. "And we can make it with decaf espresso, so there's something for everyone."

Difford attributes the drink's continued popularity to the ingenuity of his friend Bradsell, who died in 2016.

"Even badly made, it still tastes OK," Difford said. "It's a cocktail that is hard to really get wrong, hence it's one that people like, because it works. It's good that we remember the guy who came up with it."

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her pronouns in drag, and they/them pronouns out of drag as Ty Huey — revealed the show had nearly been canceled.

"We started to see some flak online about the Mario-themed brunch," Huey said about their fellow performers. A hate campaign followed, leading Macy's to consider canceling the brunch that day.

"We were like, that's the absolute worst thing we could do, especially right now," Huey said.

Huey speaks from extensive experience, doing drag full time as Lucy Stoole, while also working as a program manager at the legendary Berlin nightclub in Lakeview, and producing shows at other venues.

"When drag queens are being accused of being predators, by people online who've never seen a drag show, the worst thing to do is give in," Huey said. "We just said, 'We want to do this.' "

It was an easy choice, yet still difficult.

"That was a dark moment for me," Huey said. "Because I had been so celebrated, and had been taken care of so well there. To be told the show was going to be canceled was tough for me at first. But we ended up being able to have conversations."

The performers talked with a number of Macy's executives.

"They told us it was the first time that they had ever encountered anything like this," Huey said. "So they really didn't know the best way to react. Their only thought was, 'We want to protect the performers.' After talking to us, and going over how we felt, and what we thought about the future of the brunch if we canceled, they came to agree."

Macy's took safety measures, and performers Trisha Can, Eva Styles, Trashly and Lucy Stoole transformed the event into a "Totally '80s" theme.

"I was very thankful that people a lot higher up, who didn't really have to step in, did take the time to meet with us and talk," Huey said. "It's really easy for a lot of companies these days to say that they support LGBTQ rights issues, maybe for a little money, or (putting) a Pride flag on something.

"But to actually see them put us in positions of power, and standing in spaces, and giving us a platform — that doesn't happen that often," they said. "And it especially rarely happens, let's just be honest, to a lot of Black gender-nonconforming people."

Tenderoni collects tips while performing at the Pride! Totally '90s Drag Brunch in The Walnut Room at Macy's on June 10. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

> *"I want you to not only take the fun that you had with you, but also some of what you heard and learned. Take that back to the people you may hear saying something about drag, who have never even seen it. I think it's super important right now for people to be showing up and supporting us in any way possible."*
>
> *— Drag Brunch performer Ty Huey (Lucy Stoole)*

That day in May, fueled by chicken pot pie, I sang along by heart and at the top of my lungs to Madonna, Whitney, Cyndi and more. As a child of the '80s, and a connoisseur of the music of that decade, I was surprised by a Mario number, but it later made sense. (When the costumes are already made and the songs rehearsed, I think it's fair to fudge the numbers.)

I hadn't noticed any Mario costumes in the enthusiastic audience, nor had I seen the plainclothes security.

"Macy's had done even more than I had known," Huey said. "I didn't find out until after that day."

It was the first time The Walnut Room had a security presence at drag brunch.

"It's never been a necessity in any way," Huey said.

In retrospect, Huey's moving statement at that finale as their "beautiful, glamorous, very well-paid alter ego" was even more poignant.

"It's vital for me to say in those audiences," Huey said. "Maybe they've never seen drag, but they found a cool place they're connected to."

Those welcoming spaces are increasingly under siege; UpRising, the vandalized yet valiant bakery and cafe in the suburbs, after enduring nearly a year of hate, closed permanently May 31.

For the most part, the online haters don't show up at events in the city, Huey said.

"If they did, the Chicagoans there for it would not have it," they added, laughing. "I definitely rely on the community more than anything in these situations."

They remind us that we need to actually be in the room.

"When I posted that the stuff was happening with the Mario brunch, I had so many people who messaged me," Huey said. "They were like, 'We will be there with signs. We will have all of our family there. We have your back no matter what.' Like, this is not going to fly in our city."

A recent Taylor Swift drag brunch weekend, which indeed coincided with the concerts at Soldier Field, packed The Walnut Room with an estimated 1,200 fans over four performances.

So how did they go from a dark moment to a Swiftian new era?

"I really don't allow that stuff to scare me too much," Huey said.

The biggest thing you can do is find the people who support you in these situations and make sure they are aware of what's happening, they said. And that they know how to help protect you and protect themselves.

"I really don't want to get anyone hurt or in trouble or anything like that," they added. "But I am also not going to let anyone bully us into not doing anything that we're doing, because we're not doing anything wrong.

"There isn't any reason to try to keep us from elevating this art form and bringing it to different spaces."

I had never been to a drag brunch at The Walnut Room. They are open to all ages, but I didn't see any kids at the show I attended. I did see plenty of platters of walnut French toast, and countless carafes of bottomless mimosas served to adults.

"We've always told parents or anyone else bringing their children to check out the theme," Huey said. "But at the end of the day, there still is never anything inappropriate for anyone to see there. And we've done that on purpose. We have edited songs, we have edited outfits and everything else for that very reason.

"So maybe 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' isn't the one for the under-12 crowd, but maybe the 'Hocus Pocus' brunch is," they said.

Some of the outfits covered the performers from neck to toe, like flowy gowns Field's might have sold at the turn of the last century.

I had also never attended a drag show in the Venmo era. Along with the menu, my server handed me a handy flyer with the performers' social media and mobile payment usernames.

But no worries, because host Lucy Stoole walks you through what to expect at the event.

"I do my big intro announcement, tell everybody the rules, what is allowed and what isn't," Huey said. "And remind everybody that the name of the game is having fun — and tipping."

As a Gen Xer, I exchanged cash for a neatly rubber-banded bundle of crisp single dollar bills.

"And then we go ahead and get the show started," Huey said.

The performers work their way around the room, sometimes with astounding cartwheels in heels, making the big space feel personal.

"After the first round, I do a big celebration thing, where I bring people up," Huey said. Most of the diverse participants said they were celebrating birthdays, others a graduation, and another a divorce. "We either take shots together, or if they're underage, there's chocolates and toys.

"The birthday round is super special to me, because it's how we have brought in fundraising to this event," they said. Everyone who goes up gets to lip-sync their own number, then go around the room to collect money. "The last two years, we've raised over $40,000 for different organizations in Chicago."

This year alone, they've raised more than $10,000 for Chicago Therapy Collective, Huey said. The nonprofit organization promotes LGBTQ+ mental health and well-being.

Back at the brunch, after a second set, Lucy Stoole did her number, then a big group finale closed the show.

"Even if you don't know all the words, you get to say hi to everybody, take pictures, collect a little more money and maybe give hugs before people are on their way out," Huey said. "Everybody has a good time during that last number."

Not just the audience, but the staff too. As someone who actually loved working brunch, it was still so surprising to see servers (and cooks out of the kitchen!) spontaneously, singing and dancing along.

"They also take so much pride in being a part of that," Huey said. "Because that's a big money-making day for everyone involved."

It's important to take away reminders from the show, they added.

"I want you to not only take the fun that you had with you, but also some of what you heard and learned," Huey said. "Take that back to the people you may hear saying something about drag, who have never even seen it. I think it's super important right now for people to be showing up and supporting us in any way possible."

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to pursue a performance career. Maybe you'll run into Elise Eshu, a juggler who started training in a youth circus at the age of 11. Or perhaps you'll meet Raven See. After obtaining a master's degree in literature and poetry, intent on becoming a professor, they decided to take a leap of faith and pursue a two-year professional degree in circus arts.

"I was making the most money that I'd ever made, but I didn't like my life," they said. "Basically at 34, I ran away and joined the circus."

For those craving a health-conscious sweet treat, the gelato is made in-house, without mixes or powdered bases. At least half the selections are vegan, and prepared with an oat milk base. The flavors are on constant rotation, as they hope to keep their audience on their toes.

Among the current offerings since the June 1 opening, the Prince Randian is a house favorite, named for the longtime Coney Island performer born without arms or legs, who would dazzle the audience by rolling and lighting a cigarette. The sweet treat is prepared with alcohol-free bourbon essence and a tobacco-flavored herbal tea blend with candied orange peels. Another beloved offering named for magician and gelateria-investor Penn Jillette— of Penn & Teller fame — is made of dark chocolate with blueberry jam and lots of cayenne pepper.

Professor Pinkerton Xyloma performs at Sideshow Gelato in Lincoln Square on June 1. Sideshow Gelato is an artisanal gelateria, sideshow and dime museum displaying a collection of strange and unusual objects. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Jared Narter-Slezak, left, prepares an order of gelato as Sideshow Gelato owner Jay Bliznick looks on.

The Lincoln Square gelato shop is the brainchild of Chicagoan Jay Bliznick, who credits his inspiration with simply being "nuts."

"Nobody in their right mind would come up with something like this," he said.

The path to becoming founder of this offbeat gelateria was not a straightforward one. Bliznick originally arrived in Chicago in 1990 as a student at Columbia College, intent on becoming a filmmaker.

By 1994, he had founded the still-running Chicago Underground Film Festival, serving as a leading coordinator of the event for eight years. After his stint in the film scene, concluding with an unceremonious tenure as a movie theater manager, Bliznick decided to pivot.

"I was just kind of like, what am I doing? This isn't me." As he approached his 40th birthday, Bliznick found himself starting over with a hopeful move toward the dining industry, attending culinary school at Washburne Culinary & Hospitality Institute at Kennedy-King College.

"It was kind of rough going in the industry because restaurants are mainly, you know, younger people in their 20s and 30s in the back of the kitchen," he said. "And then here's this 40-year-old guy — who's got some talent — walking into their restaurant and asking them for a job. They were looking at me like I came in with a walker."

Eventually, he worked his way up the ladder — landing a job as the executive chef at the Del Rio, an approximately 100-year-old Italian restaurant in Highwood, a North Shore suburb.

For his 50th birthday, he rented an Italian villa outside of Florence, where he and his granddaughter fell hard for local gelaterias.

"Between the two of us, we ate our weight in gelato," he said, "and I realized that there was something really kind of special about this that was not your standard ice cream."

After his trip to Italy, Bliznick emerged with a deeper connection to his granddaughter and a new dream. He went on to train with an Italian gelato master before finally taking the leap during the pandemic to explore the possibility of opening his own gelateria.

The grandson of a concert violinist and the son of a stand-up comic and ventriloquist, Bliznick has long had the love of show business coursing through his veins, he said. This history combined with his passion for sideshows and his film background made integrating the restaurant's theme a seamless transition.

Bliznick acknowledges that his shop may not be for everyone. "Some people aren't gonna want to see somebody put a power drill up their nose, or swallow a sword. That's fine. It's not for everybody," he said.

But those who do stop by, may find themselves having an educational experience, as well as a flavorful one. In a room adjacent to the gelato scoops lives the Museum of the Transmundane. There, visitors can learn about everything from the world's smallest woolly mammoth to the world's tallest man.

"I've become more in tune with the idea that any business, to truly be successful, you don't only invest in your business, you don't only invest in your employees; you also have to invest in the customer and your community," Bliznick said.

The altruistic elements of the shop aren't just talk. Not only does Sideshow Gelato provide space for young performers to hone their skills before going on to "bigger and better things," as Bliznick says, but it will select a different charity each month to receives all proceeds from the tiniest gelato offering — "the World's Smallest Cone."

Which is one curiosity fans are sure to get behind.

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Attendees pose on a giant sign the Vegandale event in Grant Park on June 10.
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chai latte and peanut butter and jelly were a welcome relief as temperatures surpassed 80 degrees. Vanilla chai is blended from a base of almond, coconut and cashew and is laced with subtle chai spices and vanilla. The brand boasts 10 species of mushrooms packed in each bar, including lion's mane, reishi, turkey tail, king trumpet and shiitake. The flavor was refreshing, and I detected no hint of a mushroom flavor to distract from its sweetness. I also appreciated the superfood benefits that claim to lower my stress, make my skin glow and power me through the rest of my day.

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El Hongo Magico Taqueria: After El Hongo Magico won a Readers' Choice Food Award for Most Impressive Cult Following, I knew I had to get in on the action. The Vegandale menu included a flight of its three signature mushroom tacos, loaded tamales and cauliflower ceviche. The ceviche is gluten-free, and is a minced blend of raw cauliflower, tomatoes, red onions, cilantro, limes and its green salsa de la abuela (granny's salsa), with a consistency that reminded me, strangely, of Dippin' Dots. The cauliflower was springy and chewy like shrimp or tuna would be in traditional ceviche. Each crunch left me going back for more, and I could see this as a fun alternative to chips and guacamole at whatever bricks-and-mortar location they have planned next.

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Dosa, a lentils and rice dish at Hey Govindas Soulful Indian Cuisine.

Four of the flavors for sampling at the Maplewood Brewery & Distillery booth at Vegandal.

Demera Ethiopian Restaurant: Uptown Ethiopian mainstay Demera brought its vegan top sellers, including gomen (slow-cooked collards with onions and ginger), kik alicha (yellow stewed split peas with garlic and turmeric), misir wot (stewed lentils in berbere sauce) and kayseer tibs (sauteed seasoned beets), all served with a hearty portion of injera flatbread. You could pick up to four of the dishes to sample, making for a savory but not too hefty midday meal. Demera general manager Fallen Armster said that although Demera is well known by vegan and vegetarian Chicagoans, events such as Vegandale help reach people who haven't tried Ethiopian food. "Why not use this as a vessel to show people what you have?" Armster said.

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Hey Govindas Soulful Indian Cuisine: The enthusiastic chefs and the kitchen staff at Hey Govindas got me to try a few of their appetizers, including medu vada, crispy doughnut-shaped lentil fritters served with a lentil-vegetable stew and coconut sauce. Also for sale were dosa, which are crepes made with lentils and rice and filled with spicy potatoes, and idli, which are steamed lentil rice cakes. Walking around the fairgrounds with so many liquids in my hands was tough, but the crunchy lentils dipped into the stew followed by a swallow of the sauce made for a savory snack pairing. And a cup of tangy sweet passion fruit juice was refreshing on a hot day. Hey Govindas takes catering orders and used its first experience selling at Vegandale to test the market. "We are supporters of vegans because we don't have any animal food, not even eggs, and to be part of Vegandale, we feel very fortunate," owner Mohana Mohini said.

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Maplewood Brewing Co.: The Logan Square brewery and distillery showcased its collection of canned cocktails by offering free samples at Vegandale. Maplewood co-founder Adam Cieslak told me the rum punch, infused with hibiscus, orange, pineapple and cinnamon, was a top taker that afternoon. I had to agree with the crowd — the tartness and spice of the brew was crisp and rejuvenating amid the heat.

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Smooj: When I came across Smooj at Vegandale, I couldn't pass up the chance to try a "hard" smoothie. I wondered if a smoothie coming out of a can would be as fresh. Would the alcohol give it a strange tang, like a 7-Eleven Slurpee left in your car too long on a hot day? I sampled pina colada, hoping for a glimpse of the real thing, and it was pretty dang close. The hearty pineapple and coconut blend tasted natural, but with a delightful fizz. I would pour this over ice and enjoy it with a straw, ideally at the beach.

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The smoky-sweet side dish to bring to every cookout

By Patty Catalano
TheKitchn.com

Enjoy classic baked beans without the bacon. **TNS**

No summertime spread is complete without a pot of baked beans. Tender beans slow-cooked in a sweet and smoky sauce pair perfectly with mains from the grill. The trouble is, many baked bean recipes focus on the bacon rather than the beans. Luckily, if you're serving guests who abstain from pork or are simply trying to entertain on a budget, there's a way to serve the classic side without adding any meat at all. By making a few smart pantry picks, it's simple to turn humble canned beans into the classic potluck side dish.

Baked bean recipes often rely on bacon for their savory, smoky flavor. In order to make vegetarian baked beans that don't sacrifice flavor, start by sautéing a diced yellow onion until it starts to brown. Here, the caramelization adds a rich depth of flavor that raw onion or onion powder can't replicate. For even more savory flavor, add a splash of soy sauce or tamari — just make sure to choose the low-sodium version so that you have more control over the level of salt. Lastly, bittersweet molasses and smoked paprika provide that smoky flavor.

These vegetarian baked beans can be prepared up to five days in advance, if kept in the refrigerator. Baked beans thicken upon cooling, so make sure to add an extra splash of water to loosen them up before reheating on the stovetop over low heat until warmed through.

VEGETARIAN BAKED BEANS

Makes: About 3 cups; 4 to 6 servings

2 (about 15-ounce) cans great northern, navy or pinto beans
1 medium yellow onion
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups water
¼ cup ketchup
¼ cup molasses (not blackstrap)
3 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce or tamari
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
2 teaspoons smoked paprika
1 ½ teaspoons dry mustard powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 325 degrees.

2. Drain and rinse 2 (about 15-ounce) cans great northern, navy or pinto beans. Dice 1 medium yellow onion.

3. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a Dutch oven or large cast-iron skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally until softened and browned, 6 to 8 minutes.

4. Add the beans, 2 cups water, ¼ cup ketchup, ¼ cup molasses, 3 tablespoons packed light brown sugar, 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce or tamari, 1 teaspoon kosher salt, 2 teaspoons smoked paprika, 1 ½ teaspoons dry mustard powder, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, ¼ teaspoon black pepper, ¼ teaspoon ground cloves and ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper if desired. Stir to combine and bring to a boil.

5. Transfer to the oven and bake uncovered until the liquid is reduced and the beans darken in color, stirring halfway through, 60 to 70 minutes total. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool and thicken slightly, about 5 minutes. Taste and season with more kosher salt as needed.

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Olives are often used to garnish cocktails, but they also make a stellar appetizer, especially when roasted with fresh herbs and lemon slices.

Baba ghanouj, the classic Levantine eggplant-and-tahini dip that's much loved throughout the Middle East, is another summer party winner.

Topped with thin rounds of zucchini and creamy Boursin cheese, this summer tart takes just minutes to prepare.

Rich and savory cheese straws pair perfectly with a glass of red or white wine. **GRETCHEN MCKAY/ PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE PHOTOS**

Appealing appetizers

4 easy finger foods that will wow guests at your next summer party

By Gretchen McKay | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

For many of us, summer is the best time to throw a party.

Getting everybody outside onto the porch, yard or patio means you don't have to worry about cleaning the house or squeezing a ton of people into a crowded space.

Also, summer entertaining tends to be more casual, which lends itself to finger foods that aren't as fussy or upscale as a big fall or winter bash.

Which is not to say appetizers and hors d'oeuvres served with cold beer and fruity cocktails shouldn't look impressive.

We just want something that echoes summer's laid-back vibes and is simple for you to make and easy for your guests to grab and devour.

Now is also when locally grown produce and herbs are flush at farmers markets, allowing for seasonal flavors to shine. With that in mind, we've come up with four finger foods that embrace the best aspects of warm-weather entertaining.

ROASTED OLIVES WITH LEMON, GARLIC AND HERBS

Makes: 6 to 8 servings
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
6 3-inch sprigs fresh thyme
2 3-inch sprigs fresh rosemary
½ teaspoon coarsely crushed fennel seeds
¼ teaspoon hot red pepper flakes
1 pound olives, such as Cerinola and Castelvetrano, in assorted colors and sizes (about 3 cups)
½ lemon, cut into ¼-inch rounds
1 large garlic clove, unpeeled and crushed

1. Position rack in the center of oven and preheat oven to 400 degrees.

2. Stir and crush together oil, thyme, rosemary, fennel seeds and red pepper flakes in a baking dish large enough to hold olives in a single layer. (A terra-cotta baking dish or ceramic quiche pan are both good options.) Stir in olives and lemon rounds.

3. Roast, stirring halfway through cooking, until mixture is very fragrant and sizzling, about 20 minutes. During last 5 minutes, stir in garlic.

4. Remove from oven and cool until warm or at room temperature. (Olives can be covered and refrigerated for up to 5 days; remove from fridge 30 minutes before serving.)

— Recipe from "Super Tuscan" by Gabriele Corcos and Debi Mazar

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SUMMER SQUASH TART

Makes: 4 servings
1 pound yellow summer squash and/or zucchini, ends trimmed and sliced thin crosswise
1 teaspoon salt, divided
1 store-bought pie dough round
1 5.2-ounce package Boursin Garlic & Fine Herbs cheese, room temperature
½ teaspoon grated lemon zest

1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 475 degrees.

2. Toss squash with ½ teaspoon salt in large bowl; transfer to colander and let drain in sink for 10 minutes.

3. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment. Place pie dough round in center of prepared sheet. Spread Boursin evenly over dough, leaving 1-inch border at edge. Sprinkle cheese with lemon zest.

4. Spread squash over clean dish towel; cover with second towel and press firmly to remove as much liquid as possible. Transfer squash to now-empty bowl and toss with 1 tablespoon oil and ½ teaspoon pepper.

5. Arrange squash in even overlapping layer over Boursin. Fold 1-inch edge of dough over filling, pleating every 2-3 inches and pinching to secure. Bake tart until crust is golden and squash is tender, about 15 minutes.

— Recipe from Cook's Country, June/July 2023

BABA GHANOUJ

2 tablespoons oil (for the baking sheet)
2 medium to large eggplants
2 cloves of garlic, minced
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
¼ cup tahini
½ teaspoon salt
Black pepper or cayenne (I used a pinch of cayenne)
Olive oil and freshly chopped parsley or coriander, for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil a baking tray.

2. Slice eggplants in half lengthwise and place face down on the baking tray. Bake for 30 minutes or until very tender. Remove from oven and leave to cool.

3. Scoop out the flesh of the eggplant and discard the skins. Place the pulp in a food processor with the garlic, lemon juice, tahini and salt and pepper. Purée until desired consistency — you may want to leave a few chunks of eggplant. Taste and add more lemon juice or salt as necessary.

4. Transfer to a serving bowl, cover and chill. Before serving, drizzle the top with oil and scatter over your choice of herbs.

— Recipe adapted from Moosewood Cookbook

SOUTHERN CHEESE STRAWS

Makes: About 48 straws
8 ounces (2 cups) extra-sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces and chilled
¾ teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
3 tablespoons ice water

1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment.

2. Process cheddar, flour, butter, salt, paprika, baking powder and cayenne in food processor until mixture resembles wet sand, about 20 seconds. Add ice water and process until dough ball starts to form, about 25 seconds.

3. Turn out dough onto lightly floured counter. Knead briefly until dough fully comes together, 2 or 3 turns. Using your hands, pat dough into a 4-inch square. Roll dough into 10-inch square, about ¼-inch thick, flouring counter as needed to prevent sticking.

4. Position dough so edge is parallel to edge of counter. Using rounded side of fork, drag tines across entire surface to make decorative lines, if desired. (I omitted this step.)

5. Using pizza cutter or a chef's knife, trim away and discard outer ½ inch of dough to make a neat square. Cut dough into three equal pieces perpendicular to decorative lines. Working with one section of dough at a time, cut into ½-inch-wide strips in direction of lines.

6. Evenly space cheese straws on prepared sheet, about ½ inch apart. Bake until edges of straw are light golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Let straws cool completely on sheet, then serve.

— Recipe from "The Complete Small Plates Cookbook" by America's Test Kitchen

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The ideal breakfast is the one that makes you feel your best, dietitians say, though there are some important nutrients to keep in mind. **BOBBI LIN/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

What makes for a healthy breakfast?

Nutrition experts say 'it's whatever makes your body work best'

By Rachel Rabkin Peachman
The New York Times

Each day, an estimated 10% to 20% of adults in the United States skip breakfast.

And that, nutrition experts say, may be a mistake.

Not only does a morning meal provide the fuel you need to start your day, but also numerous studies have found that eating breakfast regularly is associated with a range of health benefits.

These include reduced risks for obesity, cardiovascular disease and Type 2 diabetes; as well as improved short-term memory in adults, better school performance in children and better diet quality overall, said Kathryn Starr, a registered dietitian and associate professor of medicine at Duke University School of Medicine.

"All of our meals are important; I don't think breakfast is the most important meal," Starr said. But it "kick-starts the process for our body to function properly."

To maintain healthy blood sugar, energy and fullness levels until your next meal, getting a balance of protein, fiber and unsaturated fats at breakfast is important, said Lauren Harris-Pincus, a registered dietitian in New Jersey.

This roughly translates to at least 20 grams of protein, eight to 10 grams of fiber and 10 to 15 grams of unsaturated fats, totaling about 300 to 350 calories, Harris-Pincus said.

But it's important not to get hung up on the numbers, said Alice Lichtenstein, a professor of nutrition science and policy at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University.

Your nutrient needs will depend on your weight, activity level, age and health conditions, Lichtenstein said.

More crucial, she said, is focusing on what you enjoy and makes you feel energized and sated. "So many times we've tried to give people formulas," she said, "and if you look at dietary patterns and scores in the U.S., we're not doing that well as far as diet quality goes."

"So what's the ideal breakfast?" Lichtenstein said. "It's whatever makes your body work best."

Pay attention to protein

One thing to prioritize when planning your morning meal, Harris-Pincus said, is protein. Many Americans consume more than enough protein throughout the day, she said, but they often don't get enough at breakfast — and instead, opt for foods high in refined sugars or other carbohydrates, such as bagels or energy bars.

If they do prioritize protein, Starr said, they frequently choose foods high in saturated fats, such as bacon or sausage, which can increase the risk for cardiovascular disease.

A protein smoothie with greens, fruit and Greek yogurt.

Your body needs protein to maintain your muscle mass, metabolism and physical strength (among other things), Harris-Pincus said, but it can use only about 25 to 35 grams of protein per meal for those purposes. If you consume more protein in one sitting, your body will either use it as energy, store it as fat or excrete it.

So if you "skip breakfast or don't eat protein at breakfast," Harris-Pincus said, "you lose that opportunity because you can't double up on protein later."

Remember the 'shortfall' nutrients

Calcium, vitamin D, potassium and fiber are commonly called shortfall nutrients, Harris-Pincus said, because people in the United States often don't get enough of them.

Over time, deficiencies in such nutrients can lead to problems including weak bones, poor gut health and high blood pressure.

But many healthy breakfast foods are packed with those nutrients. Most fortified cow's milk contains calcium, vitamin D and potassium; most fortified cereals contain vitamin D (just be sure to choose those high in fiber and low in added sugars); bananas, citrus and many dried fruits have potassium; and oats are rich in fiber.

"So when you think about something like a bowl of whole grain cereal and milk with some fruit, that really makes a dent in those shortfall nutrients," Harris-Pincus said.

Don't be limited

You don't have to confine yourself to standard breakfast fare to get a mix of nutrients in the morning, said Josephine Connolly-Schoonen, director of nutrition at Stony Brook Medicine.

"Any whole, plant-based food is going to have lots of phytonutrients," she said, which are antioxidants that protect your cells from damage. These foods also contain fiber, which helps you stay full and supports gut health.

Coffee and tea can also provide some antioxidants and be part of a nutritious breakfast, Connolly-Schoonen said — just don't overdo it on the sugar or cream.

Amanda Sauceda, a registered dietitian in Long Beach, California, is a proponent of expanding breakfast to include anything you might eat at any other time of day.

"I don't love breakfast food, but I hate how my body feels if I don't eat it," she said.

Her go-to morning meal is often a version of the previous night's dinner, which might be Chinese food or grilled chicken and vegetables.

"I've been known to eat whatever we had the night before and wrap it in a tortilla and make a burrito," she said. "I'm still getting my food groups, even though it might not be what you traditionally eat for breakfast."

Connolly-Schoonen said that taking your time and enjoying your food is important. Eat when you're hungry and stop when you're full, she said.

And breakfast doesn't have to be first thing in the morning. "If you wake up and go to an exercise class at 7:30 a.m., you might have a few bites of something if you're hungry, go to the class and come back and finish breakfast," Connolly-Schoonen said. "Whatever works for you."

Cancer centers: US chemotherapy shortage leading to treatment issues

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

A growing shortage of common cancer treatments is forcing doctors to switch medications and delaying some care, prominent U.S. cancer centers say.

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network recently said that nearly all the centers it surveyed late last month were dealing with shortages of carboplatin and cisplatin, a pair of drugs used to treat a range of cancers. Some are no longer able to treat patients receiving carboplatin at the intended dose or schedule.

Dr. Kari Wisinski has had to turn to other treatments for some patients or switch the order in which people receive their drug combinations.

"It's really difficult as a physician to have these conversations with a family or a patient about not having a medication you'd like to prescribe to them," she said.

Of the 27 cancer centers that responded to the network's survey, 25 reported a shortage of carboplatin. Among the cancer centers with shortages of carboplatin, more than a third said they were unable to treat all patients according to the intended dose and schedule.

Nineteen hospitals also reported cisplatin shortages, but all said they were able to maintain the treatments for existing patients.

The problem started developing earlier this year, said Mike Ganio, who studies drug shortages at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

"I think it went from being a shortage to being a really bad shortage really quickly," he said. "There's not a whole lot of room for it to get worse."

Ganio's society reported the cisplatin shortage in January and then carboplatin in late March, months after a factory in India that makes both drugs paused production following an inspection that raised quality concerns.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has taken some steps to try to ease the chemotherapy shortage. The agency is allowing the temporary importation of some foreign-approved versions of cisplatin from factories registered with the FDA. That should help, but the big factor is getting the factory in India back to full production, Ganio said.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Expiration dates ought to be labeled on medicine bottles

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

If a patient wants to report an adverse reaction to a prescription medicine to the FDA, they need the expiration date, which pharmacies don't usually provide. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: Why doesn't the pharmacy put the actual expiration date of medication on the bottle? It should come from the big bottle they took the medication from. They always put the discard date as one year from the date of dispensing, even if the source bottle has an expiration date years in the future.

Medications are expensive, and some people throw them away after a year, even though they still might be good. The parties that benefit are the pharmaceutical companies and the pharmacies. The losers are patients and the country as a whole for wasting money on unneeded things. Can anything be done about this practice?

A: We could not agree more! We have been badgering the Food and Drug Administration about this problem for years with no resolution.

If a patient wants to report an adverse reaction to the FDA, they need to fill out Form 3500B. It requests an expiration date along with the lot number and NDC number.

It is rare for pharmacies to put the expiration date on the label if they transfer the pills from the manufacturer's original container. That means patients have no way of knowing the true expiration date. That is not the case if the medication is dispensed in the drug company's original packaging. The law requires an expiration date along with lot number and NDC number. We believe this should be available for all dispensed medications.

Q: I had a large deep wart on the ball of my foot for over 20 years. It disappeared within 10 days of having COVID-19.

Although I'd had one dose of COVID-19 vaccine months earlier, it seemed to be the COVID-19 infection itself that cleared it. This wart hasn't returned for two years now.

A: We have heard from a surprising number of readers that the COVID-19 vaccines helped rid them of persistent warts. Before your report, however, we were not aware of any cases in which the infection itself cleared the wart.

We assume that the mechanism for this was increased immune surveillance triggered by the virus. Perhaps if you had a fever during your bout of COVID-19, that would have contributed to the immune response as well.

Q: I developed terrible swollen gums that required surgery after taking amlodipine for high blood pressure. My periodontist advised me to switch to another medication as soon as I could, as he has seen this condition in other patients who used amlodipine. I'd welcome a suggestion about medicines that would not cause this problem.

A: Let your primary care provider know about this complication (gingival hyperplasia). It is a known side effect of amlodipine and other calcium antagonists such as verapamil and nifedipine. There are other options that your doctor could choose that would not cause gum overgrowth.

Q: I started taking Xyzal for allergies. It worked but made me sleepy during the day, so I switched to taking it in the evening.

While taking Xyzal in the morning, I had vivid, strange dreams at night. When I switched to taking Xyzal at bedtime, the dreams became nightmares. I stopped Xyzal and after three days, the bad dreams stopped. Have you heard of this side effect?

A: We could find no reference to bad dreams or nightmares in the prescribing information for Xyzal (levocetirizine) or its chemical cousin Zyrtec (cetirizine). If others have experienced such reactions, we would be quite interested.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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Control irritable bowel syndrome

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Q: I have irritable bowel syndrome, and I talked to my doctor about managing my symptoms without medication. I am interested in focusing on diet to control my condition. Are there things I should be mindful of, or will medication be the only way to manage symptoms?

A: Although medications can be used to treat irritable bowel syndrome, not everyone who has this disorder will require medication. For some — particularly those with mild symptoms — lifestyle adjustments, such as diet modification, stress management and regular exercise are enough to control symptoms. For moderate to severe symptoms, a combination of lifestyle changes and medication may be necessary.

Irritable bowel syndrome affects the intestines. The walls of the intestines are lined with muscle that contract and relax as they move food through the digestive tract. When you have IBS, those contractions may be stronger or more noticeable than normal. That can lead to abdominal cramping and pain as food, gas or stool passes through the intestines. Irritable bowel syndrome also is associated with diarrhea, constipation, gas and bloating.

These symptoms require prompt medical attention: blood in the stool, unexplained or rapid weight loss, unrelenting or severe abdominal pain, unexplained vomiting, significant pain with/or difficulty swallowing, or an abdominal mass or lump.

IBS is a chronic condition, and symptoms tend to come and go over time. There's no cure, but symptoms often can be eased with diet, lifestyle and stress management.

More than 60% of people who have irritable bowel syndrome say their symptoms are connected to food in some way. However, because symptoms vary significantly from one person to another, it's difficult to give specific dietary advice.

In general, high-fiber foods and plenty of fluids are beneficial for people with IBS. Avoid foods and beverages that contribute to gas and bloating, including carbonated and alcoholic beverages; caffeine; raw fruit; and vegetables such as cabbage and cauliflower. Consulting with a dietitian can help.

Stress also affects irritable bowel syndrome, with episodes of higher stress associated with an increase in symptoms. Using stress reduction techniques and participating in activities that relieve stress, such as yoga and meditation, may decrease stress-related flare-ups. Working with a therapist or counselor experienced in stress management, mindfulness and behavior modification also may help those with IBS better control stress and ease symptoms. Exercise is recommended, too. Daily physical activity alleviates stress and stimulates normal contractions of the intestines.

If lifestyle changes alone aren't enough to keep IBS from disrupting daily life, talk to your health care provider about medication. A wide variety of prescription and nonprescription medications are available to treat irritable bowel syndrome.

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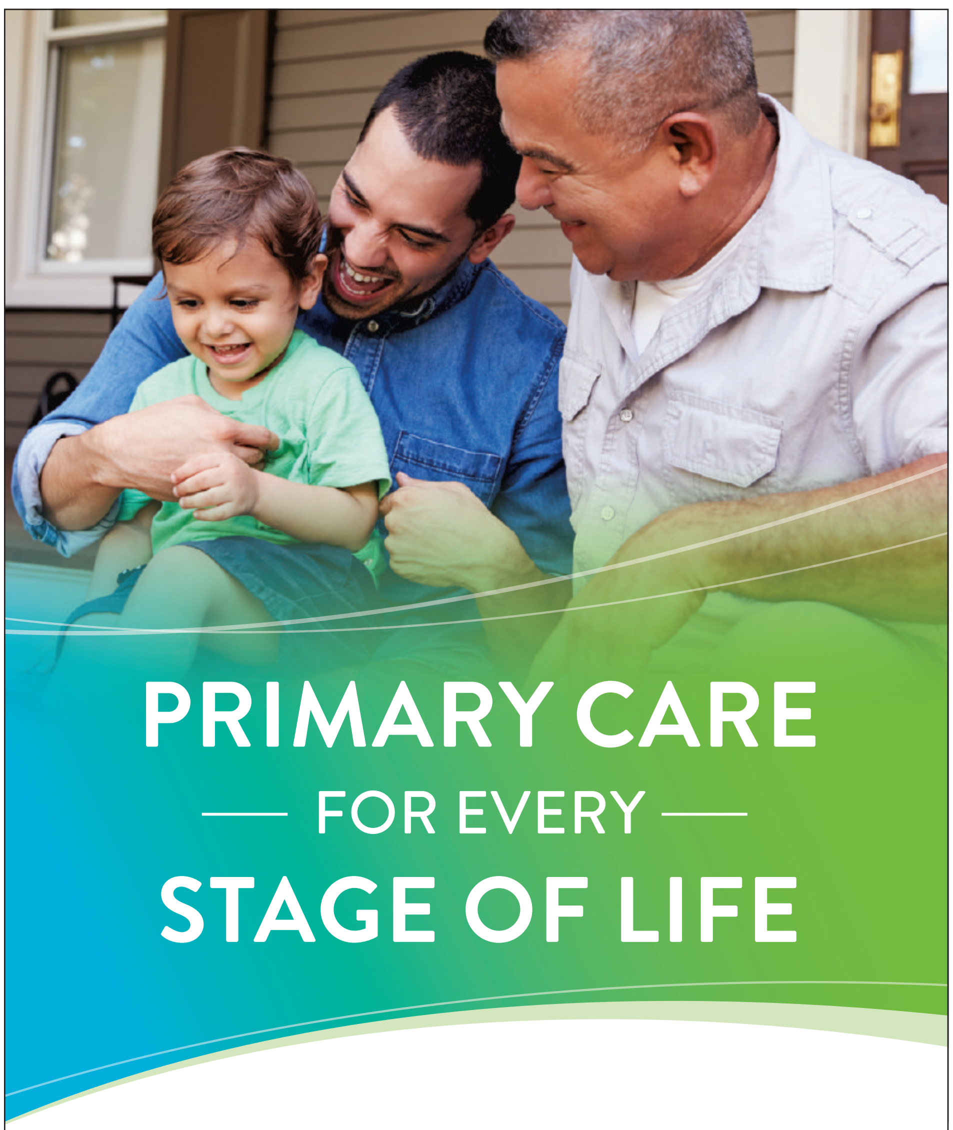

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